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PEACE IN FINLAND

Fighting to Cease at 6 p.m. H.K.T. To-day: Finland will Cede Viborg
And Whole of Karelian Isthmus: Russians Gain Hangoe As Base

MANNERHEIM LINE MAY BE SURRENDERED TO SOVIET

Desperate Fight For Viborg

Hostilities Continue
Until The End

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué stated that the enemy succeeded in advancing a little yesterday on the north-west shore of the Bay of Viborg.

The Russian attacks east of Viborg were repulsed except in the direction of Pail, where fighting continues.

Enemy attempts to advance on the ice at Vuoksen were repulsed.

The Finnish air force bombed enemy troops, artillery and tank columns.

Soviet planes bombed several places. Two people were killed and 15 enemy planes were shot down.

Mowing Down Attackers

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Desperate fighting is raging to-night over the suburbs of Viborg.

The Finns, entrenched in the ruins of empty houses, are mowing down the attackers with withering machine-gun fire.

Shells of every calibre rain upon the town, starting fires which the Finns do not attempt to extinguish.

As the Russians advance in masses, the Finns retire strategically to fresh positions, making the Russians pay dearly for the ground gained.

Fantastic Russian Losses

It is estimated that the Russians hitherto have lost between 300,000 and 400,000 men and are still losing 4,000 to 5,000 daily.

The Finns are reported to have lost 2,000 young officers in the Isthmus.

Promotions In R.A.F.

Daring Pilots Are
Rewarded

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—A list of over 200 Air Force temporary promotions is published.

Thirty-four Wing-Commanders become Group Captains, 133 Squadron Leaders are promoted Wing-Commanders and 52 Flight Lieutenants become Squadron Leaders.

The new Wing-Commanders include Andrew Douglas Parkman, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. for three successful attacks on enemy aircraft.

Heroes Of Last War

Most of the new Group Captains distinguished themselves in the last war. They include O.R. Gayford, who was in charge of the long-distance record flight in November, 1930.

Richard Kellitt, who led the record-breaking flight and was awarded the D.F.C. recently for leading British planes in the Heligoland light air fight, is promoted Wing-Commander.

As is also G. H. Stainforth, former holder of the world's air speed record, who in 1933 was in command of the five Air Force flying boats which covered 30,000 miles—the longest formation flight ever undertaken—is among the new Group Captains.

MOSCOW, MAR. 13 (UP).—THE WAR IN FINLAND IS OVER. A SOVIET-FINNISH PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED EARLY THIS MORNING, THE TERMS STIPULATING THAT HOSTILITIES WILL CEASE AT NOON TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY). (6 P.M. H.K.T.).

SOVIET TROOPS ARE TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW BORDER BY 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PEACE TERMS INCLUDE THE CESSION OF THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS AND THE CITY OF VIBORG TO RUSSIA AND THE LEASE OF HANGOE AS A NAVAL BASE FOR 30 YEARS.

CESSION OF VIBORG AND THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS APPARENTLY MEANS THAT FINLAND WILL LOSE THE MANNERHEIM LINE AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE LAKE LADOGA AREA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PETSAMO IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE TERMS. THE AGREEMENT MUST BE RATIFIED BY BOTH THE SOVIET AND FINNISH DIETS.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES

War Minister's
Confidence In
The B.B.C.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).

—In introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley said it would be improper and undesirable for him to attempt to forecast in war, as his predecessors did in peace, what task the British Army might be called upon to fulfill in the future.

Whatever it might be called upon to face, he said, the Army had not yet been subjected to the same intensive test as the Navy and Air Force.

After recalling how the idea of a Continental Army had been bitterly opposed in Britain, Mr. Stanley said that the nature of events which led up to Munich showed some of them that if a conflict were not absolutely inevitable it was dangerously near.

It was obvious that in any clash to come, he said, we should be fighting side by side with France in the cause of liberty and justice.

Therefore the security of France would be bound up with the security and integrity of this country.

Need For Great Army

Then it became clear that our resources in Man Power and our great industrial strength demanded that we should produce an army on a scale sufficient to ensure our security and be worthy of our position as a great power.

Mr. Stanley then referred to the decision taken last year to equip the Army on a Continental scale.

"The B.E.F.," he added, "is in France and the wisdom of the decision to send it there is not questioned by anyone."

"Starting in a comparatively small way our Army is rapidly growing. A great army is in the process of formation with which we shall progressively take a bigger and bigger part of the burden of war from the shoulders of our Allies, the French, who in the early days of the war had to bear such a very great part of this burden."

Expansion Continues

Mr. Stanley added that it was well to bear in mind that whereas a general decision to rearm was taken by this country in 1935, the decision to equip the Army on the present

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Fighting Slackens

According to a report from Helsingfors, fighting is slackening on the Finnish fronts, but yesterday it was impossible to confirm that it had ceased entirely.

Yesterday the Oslo paper "Dagbladet" learned from Stockholm that peace between Finland and Russia is assured.

In consequence of the report the Stockholm stock exchange registered a violent rise, prices advancing on an average of six crowns.

It is believed that the Russian terms are very severe.

REPORT CONFIRMED

An earlier London message also said that according to unimpeachable sources the Finnish delegation at Moscow had reached full accord with Russia. The agreement is awaiting signature.

The official D.N.B., news agency of Germany also announces an official Moscow report that the Finns and Russians have concluded a peace treaty.

Meanwhile, says a Paris report, M. Daladier yesterday revealed to the Chamber of Deputies that 50,000 French troops are being held in readiness to proceed to Finland from an unnamed Channel port.

THREE MAIN POINTS

BERLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Conclusion of the Russo-Finnish peace treaty was announced in a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency.

The despatch says that the most important points in the treaty are

1.—Immediate discontinuance of all military operations on both sides;

2.—Cession of the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg, to the Soviet;

3.—A military base on the peninsula of Hangoe to be ceded to the Soviet.

Details Awaited

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—Following the authoritative report that Finland and Russia have reached an agreement, information is now awaited concerning any armistice.

Barring a last minute hitch, it is believed the agreement will be signed by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Finland's Premier, Kyösti Rytö, either late to-day or early to-morrow, but

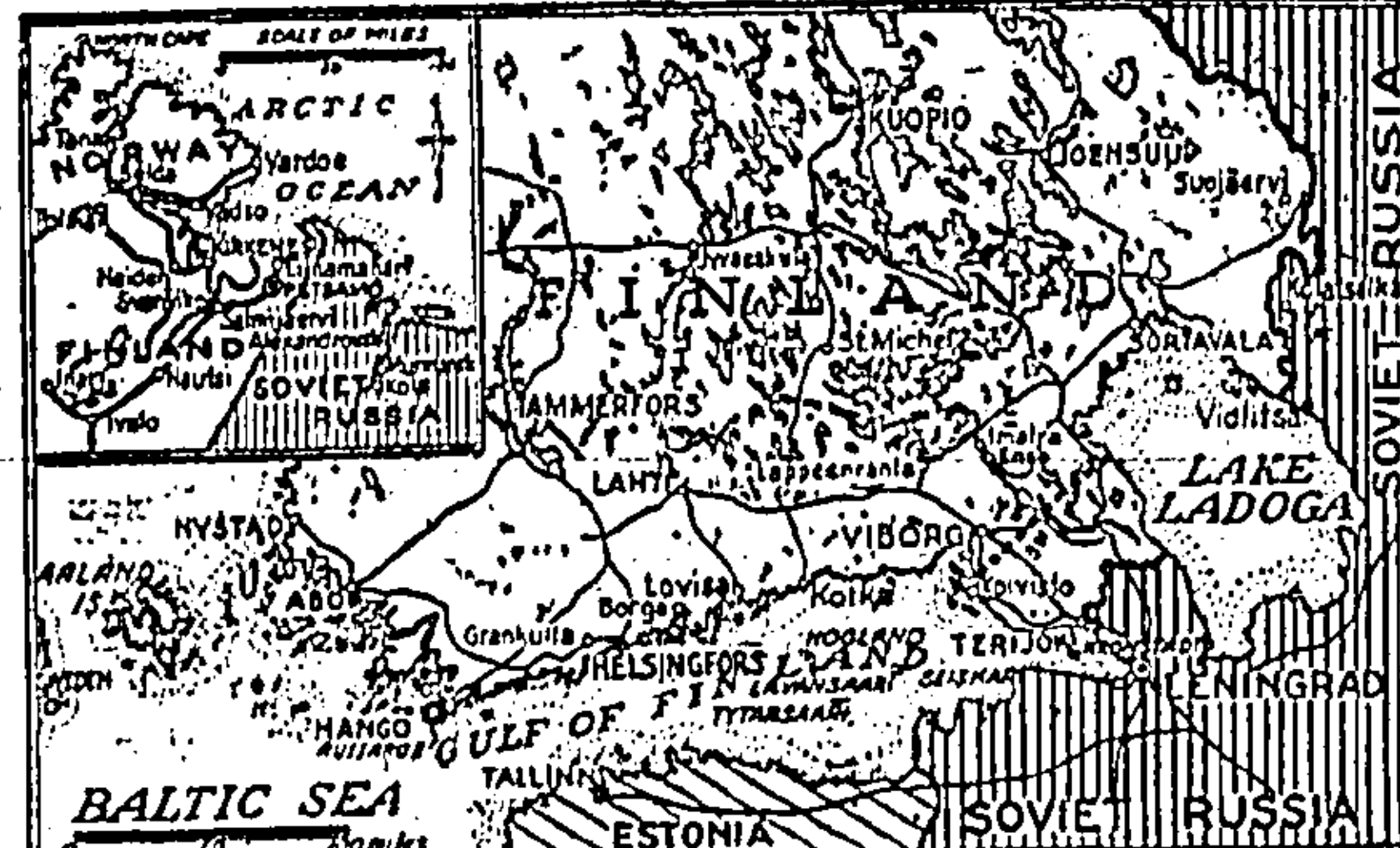
the agreement will require the ratification of both governments.

"Exchange Telegraph" at Stockholm said the agreement is expected to be signed in Moscow on Wednesday when the terms will be published and hostilities will cease.

Other quarters understand there is a possibility that the agreement will be signed to-night.

Effect On The Major War

The prospect of peace between the Soviet and Finland has led diplomats to-day or early to-morrow, but



THIS MAP INDICATES THE AREAS TO BE CEDED. Hangoe is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland and the Karelian Isthmus area which Russia gains is shown by the dotted lines.

Hongkong Still Pays For 'All Up' Air Mail Service

DURING the current financial year, Hongkong will pay \$581,355 for the carriage of mail to and from the Colony.

Of this total only \$100,000 will be paid for the carriage of sea-going mail, the balance being expended on Air Mail Payments (\$152,542) and Air Mail Subsidy (\$328,813).

Although the Vote for Air Mail Payments was introduced in connection with the Empire "All Up" scheme, which was abandoned last September with the outbreak of war, it has, far from being omitted from the current year's Estimates, been increased.

In 1939, before the commencement of any air mail services, Carriage of Mail cost the Colony the grand total of \$140,000.

In the following year it leapt to \$269,890 and, in addition, an Air Mail Subsidy of \$119,128 was introduced in connection with the Bangkok-Hongkong service, which started that year.

The "All Up" Scheme commenced in September, 1939. In that year, in addition to expenditure of \$399,238 on carriage of mails and \$100,722 on Air Mail Subsidy, a vote of \$20,872 was passed for three months of the All-Up Air Mail Scheme.

Vote Increased

Last year, while the vote for carriage of mails by sea was reduced to \$100,000, the vote for Air Mail Payment increased to \$122,034, while the vote for Air Mail Subsidy in-

creased to \$236,851. As the "All Up" Scheme ceased in September, Air Mail Payment should, presumably, not be made after that date. Nevertheless, it is included in the current estimates and is expected to total \$152,542 or, if Air Mail Subsidy is included, \$481,353.

Questioned on the subject yesterday, the Postmaster General, Mr. L.D. Forrest said that the Votes for the carriage of Air Mail this year would not be reduced, despite discontinuance of the "All Up" scheme.

"Now that the planes have fewer passengers and less mail, it is all the more necessary to subsidise the carriage of air mail," he said.

"When all mail went by air, the subsidy was not quite so necessary," Mr. Forrest held out no hopes that the "All Up" scheme at 15 cents per half ounce would be re-introduced until after the war.

Discouraging Use

"We are keeping the charge for air-borne traffic high because it is necessary to discourage the use of air mail except when necessary. There are fewer planes available for the service now."

The present rate of \$1.15 for the first half ounce was not imposed in

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WHAT DOES HISTORY SAY OF FINLAND

FINLAND is under a reign of terror. Newspapers are suppressed. There are scores of illegal arrests. Public servants are banished. Government agents burst into people's private homes and search for arms or incriminating material. There are spies everywhere. No one feels safe.

The year is 1905. The Government, Russian.

That's how the Finns remember Russian rule. Russia was trying to "squeeze them to death."

Almost a hundred years before, they had been absorbed into Russia, not as a conquered nation, but as a semi-independent grand-duchy. The independence of their Government was guaranteed by the Czar of Russia.

For six hundred years Sweden and Russia had scrapped over her. She had belonged to each in turn, but mostly Sweden.

Everything went well until Alexander II. died in 1881. Then the Russians tried to Russify her. Finland finally responded with a national strike.

This won better conditions for a time, but soon they were worse than ever.

The Great War. With the Bolshevik revolution (1917) came a new reign of terror. Scattered groups of Red soldiers overran the country, looting and murdering. There were frequent strikes. Starvation loomed near. Into this turmoil flooded 40,000 refugees from the Bolsheviks.

Help came from Germany, which sent 12,000 men to hold the Reds. General Mannerheim raised an army and won the battles of Tammela and Viborg.

But the German demands in return for helping them were so exorbitant the Finns were not much better off.

But the war ended and in June 1919 Finland became a republic.

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th March.
Mar. 13.
Java and Manila Mar. 13.
Shanghai Mar. 13.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March.
Mar. 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 7th March. Mar. 14.
Canton Mar. 14.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th Jan.). Mar. 14.
Manila Mar. 14.
Shanghai Mar. 14.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 15.
Shanghai Mar. 15.
Straits Mar. 15.
U.S.A. and Manila—San Francisco date, 17th Feb. Mar. 15.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 15.
Manila Mar. 16.
Shanghai Mar. 16.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

Fort Bayard and Hollow 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, India, Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi 5th April.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st March.
K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 14
Straits 8 a.m.
Shanghai 9.00 a.m.
Sandakan 12.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 15, 7.30 a.m.
Friday, Mar. 15
Amoy 8.30 a.m.
Haliphong 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Haliphong 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada and San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada)—due San Francisco, 3rd April.
Kowloon P. O.
Parcels 4.00 p.m.
Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 4.00 p.m.
Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 16
Dairen 10.30 a.m.
Straits 1.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcel only) 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 17
Amoy 9 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Sentel Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 19th March, 1940, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Fish, Cheese, Butter, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessaries, for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. V. HOBBS,
Surgeon Captain,
Medical Officer in Charge,
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong.
13th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 26th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary,
H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall,
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The Inspector, 82, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

POPE'S CELEBRATION

Vatican City, Mar. 12.
The Pope celebrated the first anniversary of his Coronation, as Pontiff, with a special Pontifical High Mass in St. Peter's this morning. The service was conducted by the Dean of the College of Cardinals and nearly 50,000 people attended.—Reuter Bulletin.

Soldiers Go To Court About Rents

Judge Tells Veteran: Don't Worry, I'll Look After the Family

TWO soldiers went to court in England recently to tell the judges of the plight of their wives and families through rent arrears.

At Brentford County Court Judge Drucquer said to Private William Stubbs: "Don't you worry. While you are abroad I'll look after them."

At Clerkenwell, Private Reid protested, "Is this the way they look after the dependants of a serving soldier," when an order was made against his wife.

Stubbs told the judge: "I am an old soldier, aged 51, and when I volunteered in September 1914 I did think my family would have to suffer."

He added that since the judge had suspended the possession order as long as he paid 15s. rent, the Army had granted him 21s. a week rent allowance. He asked for a stay of execution, and the judge allowed him another two months' grace.

Earned £9 A Week

Before the war Stubbs earned £9 a week with his stall at Brixton market, and owed not a penny.

"I have had 20 years of Army service," he said at his home in Feltham Road, Ashford, "and sacrificed a lot when I joined up again. But how can an old soldier keep away?"

Income 43s., Rent 20s.

Reid's wife, who lives in Archway Road, Highbury, said she had been unable to pay the rent since her husband was called up.

She had three children and her allowance was £2 3s. a week. The rent was £1 and the arrears £15.

After the husband had given evidence Judge Earency commented: "The fact that you are on war service does not justify you in refusing to pay rent. Landlords have been badly hit."

"Tried To Do Justice"

He would adjourn the case generally on the understanding that Mrs. Reid should pay 15s. a week until she got a hardship allowance, permitting her to pay the full rent and something off arrears, the first 15s. to be paid immediately.

Private Reid: We have nothing but the bounty I got when I came on leave. I got that for my own use for fighting in France. Why should I give it to him? The allowance my wife gets is not for him but to feed my children.

The judge: I hope when you think over the whole matter you will feel that the Court has tried to do justice to a serving soldier.

Pawned Wedding Ring

Mrs. Reid told a reporter after leaving the court: "I do not know how on earth I am going to pay the 15s. out of my present allowance. Two of my three children are twins, 27 months old, and require special food which costs 10s. a week."

"This is how I have had to live since my husband went to fight," she added, producing a bundle of pawn-tickets for jewellery, including a wedding ring.

Count Now Mister And 'Proud' Of It

PITTSBURGH—Count Fritz Don Juan Frederick von Bernstorff-Blenner has renounced his title to become a plain Fritz Bernstorff, an American citizen and proud of it.

The member of a Danish family that traces its nobility back took the oath of allegiance to the United States January 18 and remarked: "It's a great privilege. I'd rather be called Mister in this country than Count in any other country you can mention."

After receiving his citizenship papers, Mr. Bernstorff recalled his association with Marshal Karl Gustav Mannerheim, Commander of the Finnish forces defending their country against the Russian invasion. Although not a Finn, he served with Mannerheim's White Guard in 1920-27.

Mrs. Bernstorff, the former Hedvig Alfson of New York, at first opposed her husband's desire to give up his title but she said she was happy over his action now.

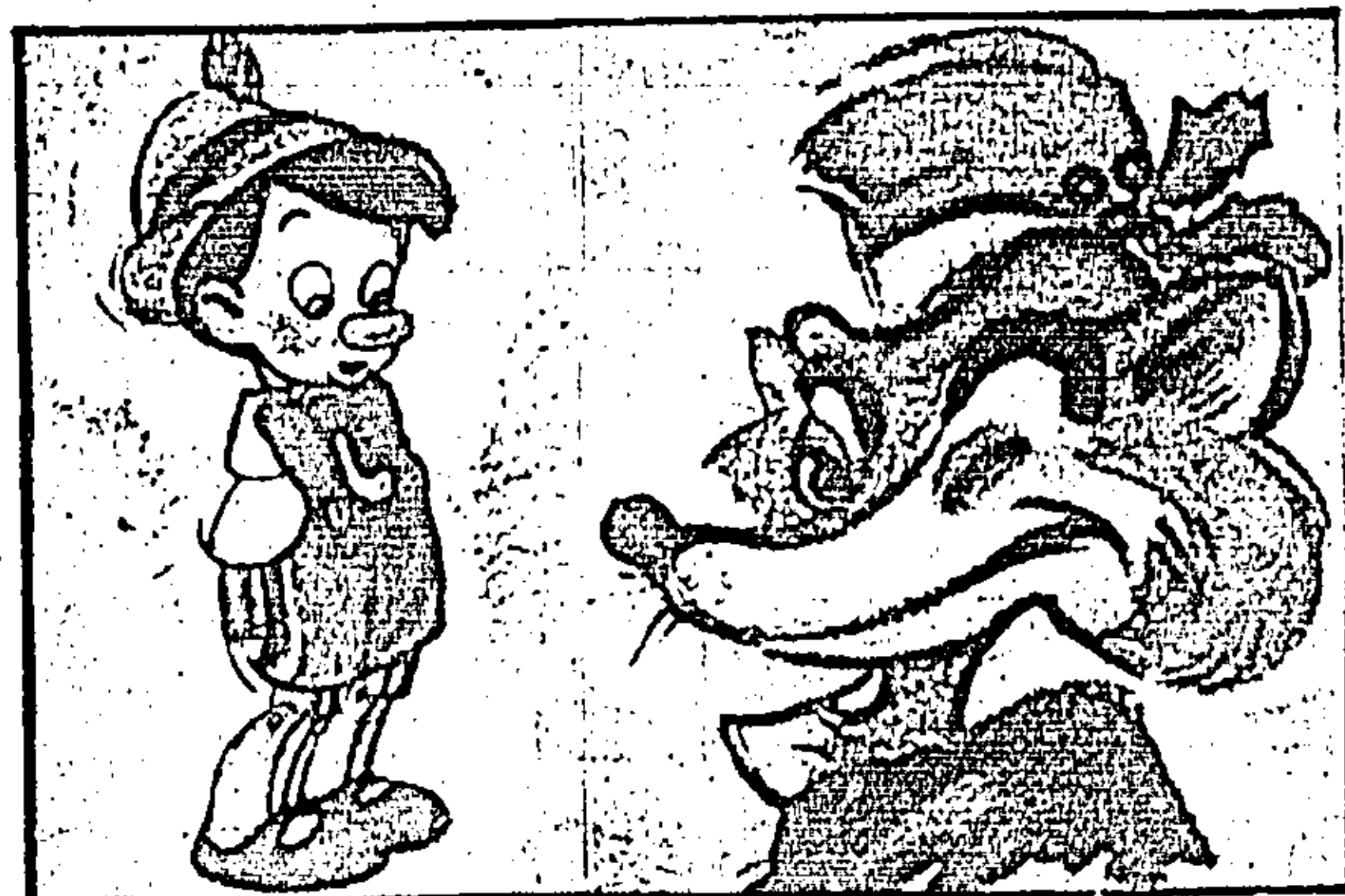
Secret U.S. Air Giant

New York.
Plans of a huge new bomber, large enough to fly the Atlantic and back, have been in the hands of a foreign agent, it was revealed.

The bomber is now nearly finished at California. The plans were stolen but subsequently recovered.

All corps and commercial engineers have been working secretly on this "plane for over 12 months. It weighs more than 70 tons; its wingspread is over 200ft., and its new model motors promise a range up to 7,000 miles.

The new bomber is expected to undergo its first tests next summer. One foreign Government—which it is not stated—is known to be interested.



SHIPWRECKED MEN DIED ONE BY ONE IN SIGHT OF RESCUE

TWELVE men clung to the rigging of a shipwrecked trawler as a rocket life-line was shot to them from the shore.

They could not secure the line. Their cries for help grew fainter as one by one they dropped exhausted into the sea.

At last only one man was left. For eight hours he hung on. Then he, too, slid beneath the waves.

In this way the skipper and crew of the Fleetwood trawler Merisla (291 tons) lost their lives when the ship went on the rocks at Bulgham Bay, near Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Six bodies have been recovered.

When the men's cries for help were heard it was found impossible to launch the Ramsey lifeboat.

Port St. Mary lifeboat put out, but could not cover the 25 miles journey in time.

Members of the Ramsey life-saving corps were lowered down the 600ft. cliff and put out two lifelines which the shipwrecked men could not secure.

Only two days before the men of the Merisla had been presented with £100 for saving five Dutchmen from an open boat in the Atlantic.

Anchor Explodes Mine

When the 8,000-ton Dutch oil tanker Momura was heaving anchor off a south-east coast port the anchor struck a mine, but the vessel was undamaged.

There was a sudden roar and a huge column of water shot high into the air as the mine exploded.

Members of the crew forward were hurled off their feet. Four were slightly injured. They were attended by a doctor, who reached them from the shore in a lifeboat.

Because the captain of the Norwegian steamer Songa refused a U-boat commander's demand to sign papers that his ship was carrying contraband, his vessel was torpedoed in the Atlantic and the crew left to reach land as best they could.

For five days and nights the crew drifted in their two lifeboats. One drifted ashore on the Eire coast.

In the boat was the British radio operator, Mr. Thomas Murray, of Preston, Lancs. It was his third experience of torpedoing, for he served in the White Star Liners Laurentic and Cymras in the last war.

"We had only two biscuits a day, and when we sighted Fastnet Rock Light on Thursday, every man was frozen almost stiff," he said.

Depth Charges

Anti-submarine operations off the British coast were described by the crew of the trawler Ruff when she arrived at a west coast port.

"We saw some naval vessels and then heard thuds of depth charges exploding," said one of the crew.

"Our ship began to roll and pitch and the ship's bell clanged loudly as we buffeted about. We could not see whether they got the U-boat or not."

Mined in the North Sea in December and abandoned in a sinking condition, the steamer Eskdene has been brought in by tugs and docked for repairs.

Ersniffz Butter Now

HERR SCHMIDT, of Berlin, just can't do without butter in cooking.

But he can't get any butter.

His chemist has come to his aid. For a few marks he will sell Herr Schmidt a little bottle of perfume.

A few drops of this new triumph of ersatz invention, and the butterless dish smells and tastes just as though it had been cooked in best butter—so they say.

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R.A.F. MEN REPORT 'EMPTY' COUNTRY

By PAUL BEWSHER, with the B.E.F.

TWO British airmen flew for 2½ hours over German territory at 15,000ft. in a cloudless sky. Not a fighter plane came up to meet them, not an A.A. gun was fired.

They flew over hundreds of miles of roads. They were bare of any traffic. They flew over hundreds of miles of railway lines. Not a single train was seen.

The airmen—a 23-years-old sergeant-pilot and a sergeant-observer—returned only when their film had run out.

They brought back a perfect pictorial record of their amazing flight. They were summoned to B.E.F. headquarters and congratulated on "an exceptionally brilliant reconnaissance."

I heard from the airmen their own story:

"For 20 minutes we cruised to and fro above a camouflaged aerodrome behind the Siegfried Line," said the observer.

"Our photographs of it, taken by an electrically operated camera, show that there was a squadron of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground. Yet not one rose to attack us."

"Over one big railroad, which I know from previous experience to be stiff with anti-aircraft guns, we flew for half an hour. We made five approaches from different directions to make sure we got everything possible on our film."

"Yet not a shot was fired at us. Maybe a bit of haze had screened us from the ground, but we ought to have been spotted."

Our Leaflets Were BLOWN To Vienna

BUDAPEST.

NAZI words of comfort to the people of Vienna: If you find a British leaflet in your garden it has not been dropped from a British plane flying over Vienna.

It has been blown from the French frontier by the west wind.

The official Nazi newspaper Voelksbeobachter, on the front page this week-end, tries to back up the official Nazi statement that no British planes have flown over Austria and Czechoslovakia.

In spite of the efforts of Nazi officials, thousands of leaflets dropped by British planes over Vienna have been picked up by the Austrians.

The explanation is very simple, says the Voelksbeobachter. "If you drop a leaflet from a height of thirty feet the wind will drive it about fifty feet away." The Austrians are then reminded of the "frequent westerly winds" Germany has been experiencing during the last few weeks.

Bombers Can't Be 'Silent'

GERMAN bombers will not be able to take our defences unawares by flying across our coasts unheard.

It has not been possible to produce an engine silencer without sacrifice of speed.

The bomber cannot afford to lose over 10 m.p.h. in exchange for the doubtful gains of the silencer, as it is already 30 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. slower than the fighter.

Even when engines are silenced, the noise from the propellers is sufficient to betray the presence of the bomber to the sound locators round the coasts.

Particularly striking was the group representing the Army, under the personal command of Gen. Lu Shih, Chungking garrison commander, who led the mechanised units of the latest armaments and war trophies.

In the morning tree-planting ceremonies took place in eight districts. The entire city was bedecked as the day was being bedecked as the day was being bedecked as the day was being bedecked.

In the afternoon Wei Chao, of the Chinese Aeronautical Affairs Commission, gave a demonstration on a glider flying machine built by him, for which only native materials have been used. There was also an inspection of the citizens' air defence units.—Reuter.

CODE LETTER ON MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

A LETTER in code was found on Mr. Gordon Walker (45), a company director, of Moylen Farm, Marlow, Bucks, who was killed when he fell in front of a G.W.R. train at Maidenhead Station.

It is expected to be produced when the Maidenhead coroner opens the inquest.

Mr. Walker went to the railway station from the Queen's Club, a men's bridge club at Maidenhead, where he was seen to write a letter which he placed in his pocket just before he left.

During the past four years he had lived at Marlow with a friend, Mr. G. Simpson. His friends include many stage and screen celebrities.

Boy Evacuees
Cycled
300 Miles

SIX-FOOT Kenneth Tossell (15) and Nevill Williamson (16) are to stay for a few days with Williamson's uncle at Melkthorpe, the Westmorland village where they were found after a search for them through ten counties.

The boys left their billets at Colchester, saying they were going for a ten-mile cycle ride. Instead they cycled to the North—300 miles.

"The boys are little the worse for their adventure, only very remorseful," Mr. Williamson said, at his home in Congisby Gardens, Chingford.

"There is no question of their being in trouble at their school in Colchester."

Black-out Adds To
Juvenile Crime

One-sixth of the crime in Brighton during the past year has been committed by juveniles, the number of young offenders having risen by 45 to 224.

These facts are disclosed in the Chief Constable's annual report. It adds that shopbreaking and the number of people killed and injured in street accidents also have increased as the result of the black-out.

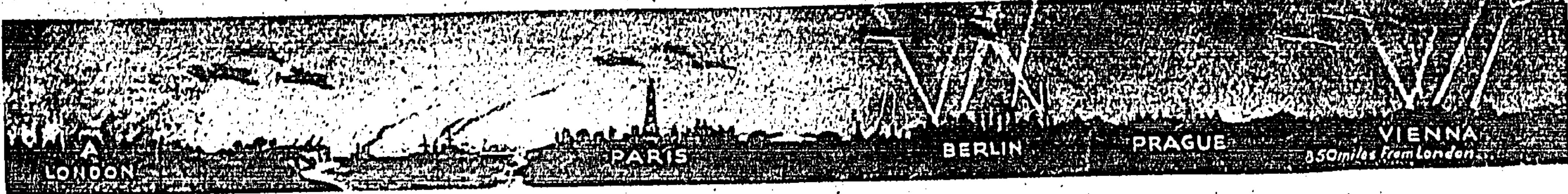
Sun Yat-sen Memory

Chungking, Mar. 12.
Chungking today celebrated the anniversary of Spiritual Mobilisation Day which falls on the 15th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The programme ranged from memorial meetings, demonstrations of gliders and athletic contests in the daytime to a "big torchlight procession" in the evening.

Twelve groups took part in the procession, including the Party Government, fighting services, police, fire brigade, members of youth, labour, merchants and women's organisations.

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LAST of a series

WARTIME in LONDON

This is the last of a series of articles by neutral Staff Correspondents of the United Press Association on conditions to-day in the Motherland.

COMPULSORY military service has put into the same unromantic battle-dress both lords and dustmen.

It has resulted in democratisation of the army to an extent that would have horrified the brass hats of the last war. Officers now are supposed to come from the ranks.

During leaves last Christmas, a well-known member of the aristocracy drove up to the swank Dorchester Hotel in a Rolls-Royce to keep a luncheon engagement with his girl friend. He was in service uniform.

A kindly commanding officer of the British Expeditionary Force who takes a fatherly interest in his men noticed one was not sending any money home. The officer summoned this soldier and suggested he send a few shillings to his wife because of the increased cost of living.

"I'll try, sir," the soldier responded. "But my wife ought to be able to get along all right. She gets 3,000 pounds a year from our estate."

OFFICERS and men of the ranks are often seen drinking together, because they are given the same service in hotels, restaurants and bars. A curious feature is that while army men salute army men, navy men salute navy men and air men salute air men, they rarely salute other services.

An admiral strolling through Whitehall passed an army officer of lower rank, who ignored him. The admiral seized his arm and remarked, "Awful bore, this saluting, eh what?"

Many of the mobilised men are seeing London for the first time. It is a common occurrence to hear educated men in uniform ask where is Piccadilly Circus. This is rather a shock in these days of swift transport, in view of Britain's size.

Seaside resorts and inland spas have been converted into spinster towns by mobilisation of young men and evacuation to these points of 21,000 civil servants from London, a majority of them attractive young typists. These women now outnumber the remaining menfolk 10 to 1.

Civil servants evacuated to Blackpool were given their choice of a luxury hotel or a room in a private house, for which from 15 to 21 shillings a week is deducted from their pay. This covers a bed and two meals a day.

The case of William Beazley, 13 years apparently is not an accountant in a London firm, is typical. He earns four pounds a week and is buying drinking.

a house on instalments. He had a wife and one child, the latter evacuated to the country. He faces the choice of leaving his wife alone in London to face possible air raids, keeping two homes, or trying to sell the house at a loss. This is difficult, if not impossible, as thousands of persons are trying to sell their houses.

AT the war's beginning, 1,230,000 women and children were evacuated by the government from big cities to the country as a precaution against air raids.

Thousands more went privately. By Christmas, 676,500 had returned despite government warnings through radio, press and posters. Thousands who returned to spend Christmas with father remained when they saw how miserably he was doing his own housework.

Others trickled back because they preferred home. Some children were brought back by mothers unable to bear separation.

Many children benefited by the country air and change of food, and gained in weight. Many country families discovered for the first time how slim children live.

Although horrified by their language and knowledge of the world, wealthy, childless couples have tackled with enthusiasm the job of caring for children who never saw a green field before.

One urchin from London's east end wrote home that Lord So-and-So, with whom he was billeted, "is a good sport and lets us do what we like, but the governess is strict and tells us we must not do this and that."

BRITAIN'S blackout has established a world's record. Spanish republicans put bullets through any windows showing lights in Madrid during the civil war, but their blackouts pale into daylight compared with London, where natural conditions such as thick fogs and normally pitch-black winter nights intensify the gloom of this lightless metropolis.

But London's night life still carries merrily on, with the sole difference that white ties have disappeared completely.

In the early days of September, only uniforms or informal dress were to be seen even in the swankiest night clubs. But informal dress now has given way to the despised tuxedo.

Where wife and children are away, the husband is obliged to spend his evenings in a pub, pool-hall or similar place.

Early closing of cinemas has resulted in appearance of an unusual number of young girls in public houses which in many cases they never entered before, but there

is not an abnormal amount of drinking.

FIRST of a series

WARTIME in BERLIN

These letters written by Mr. Bayles to his friends in New York give an authentic and completely unbiased picture of life in wartime Germany. This is the first instalment. More will appear to-morrow.

A NEW decree permits marriages to be performed between soldiers at the front and sweethearts at home without the groom even being present at the ceremony.

The soldier is required to provide a written statement of his wish to be married, or to make a declaration to this effect to his battalion commander. The girl then goes to the registrar office with her credentials and is duly married without even a proxy for the man being present.

The hunting season is in with a terrific bang, and game and more game is being served up in the restaurants.

Hunting is not regarded as a sport but as an occupation, and all the oldsters who 30 years ago were a green hat with a brush on it and duly went hunting with an expensive carved, infatid rifle are now being called back into service, and many a tottering limb and shaky hand are trying to bring down a few rabbits.

I had the experience of running into my own former millman this morning when I went round for new rationing cards. He was sitting in a smelly room behind a desk in an S.A. uniform and completely refused to recognise me or return my greeting, although he had accepted countless handouts from me and had begged for everything, from English magazines for his son to my worn-out suits for himself.

After leaving me standing for at least two minutes, during which time he busied himself messing through a pile of papers, he barked, "You wait!" As I left, he bawled "Heil Hitler" after me.

I WAS talking with a dentist and asked him what he is using for gold, silver, and platinum. He took me with him to his office because his ersatz was something that had to be seen to be appreciated.

He had an oversized Weavever aluminium pot from which a storable chunk had been cut and told me that dozens of German mouths were now sporting fillings and castings made out of bits of Weavever aluminium.

He explained that the American Weavever is much purer than the German aluminium, and for this reason is more suitable for castings. "Weavever" is the trade-mark for products of the Aluminium Cooling Utensil Co. The dentist estimated that his pot will last about two years if he is sparing with it.

Ersatz for soap is occupying the public and scientific mind to an increasing degree as the surplus is being used up and the population is compelled to get along on one small cake per month.

For a bath, I read in the Volkischer Beobachter, you don't need soap if you just take pine needles, stew them, and then pour off the tea and use it in the bath. Not only does it cut the dirt but it is good for rheumatism.

For face and hands, powdered chestnut meal not only cleanses but beautifies. Ivy leaves stewed and strained are adequate for laundering clothes, it is maintained.

Sandler with Samehtini (Cello) and Eyfield (Piano).

8.45 London Relay—"The Spirit of Austria"—A Programme of Recollections.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—4. Lamb—"The fourth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J."

9.50 Musical Comedy "Please Teacher"—Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Orchestra conducted by Joseph Tunbridge.

10.07 A Dance Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

I had an interview some days ago with a school authority. The military, or war, concept dominates almost every study. In German history, for example, the heroic is stressed in connection with military exploits.

In military history, the development of the German military ideal, the lives of famous generals, military virtue and the soldierly ideal are stressed. Theme topics are invariably military.

In geography, political frontiers and problems are stressed. One sign of winter is a notice on all the train windows. It reads: "Keep windows and doors shut, don't waste heat." You may recall the stuffy, stinking atmosphere of German trains and the extreme horror of fresh air, and you can imagine how things are now when it is almost forbidden by law to open a window.

I am amused at the sudden swing-over of the Press to praise of Russia. After abusing the Russians and ridiculing their country for years, the papers are suddenly printing flattering travel articles about the lovely country, the charming Russians, the marvellous facilities for travellers, and the high cultural level of the Bolsheviks.

THE loudest wails over clothes rationing come from the women, who are allowed one pair of stockings every two months.

Leg lacquer, which, when applied to the bare leg, gives the appearance of a stocking, is being advertised and sold in large quantities.

THE only good thing that has come out of the war thus far is a marching song, Wir fahren gegen England, which is really a woe.

The words are from an old sailor ditty by Hermann Loebs, the chorus running: "Leb wohl, mein Schatz, leb wohl, denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren gegen England, England!" It means: "Farewell, my treasure, farewell; for we're on our way, we're on our way, we're on our way to England."

Christmas is coming on, but sadly lacking are the heaps of sweets and pastries as well as the piles of soft-woollens which are a standard present in these parts.

The sweet department in Wertheim's is now almost filled with small gaudied apples and the garment counters are vacant because nothing can be bought without a ticket.

IT is now impossible to buy gramophone records without turning in old ones in exchange. The factories are not given new material, and must reclaim 0.3 records to manufacture new ones.

It is ironic but true that the Jews actually came out on top by being plundered and forced out of their shops last November. The crooked appraisers cut the price to be paid by the Aryan purchaser to about one-third in each case, and the Germans with spare cash were most eager to grab up a prosperous Jewish shop. The Jews, having received their meagre price, are now mostly out of the country, or at least have the money safely put away, while the Aryans, after having lost money for a year on the shops while learning to run them, are now facing bankruptcy because they are compelled to keep the shops open and to employ the staffs but have nothing to sell.

FISHERIES RESEARCH Station to be Erected To West of Aberdeen

The Colonial Development grant of £8,000 having been accepted, plans for the construction of the Hong Kong Fisheries Research Station are proceeding. It is understood that a site just to the west of Aberdeen has been surveyed. A Fishery Journal is already published in the Colony. The first issue appeared recently, appropriately surveying the fishing field and giving interesting information regarding fish species, types of boats and nets used.

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GAUSS LEAVING SOON

Shanghai, Mar. 12. Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, United States Consul-General in Shanghai, who has been appointed the first United States Minister to Australia, will sail for Washington on April 4. Mr. Gauss will rejoin his family in California where they went last month. The date of his departure for Canberra from Washington is not yet set.—United Press.

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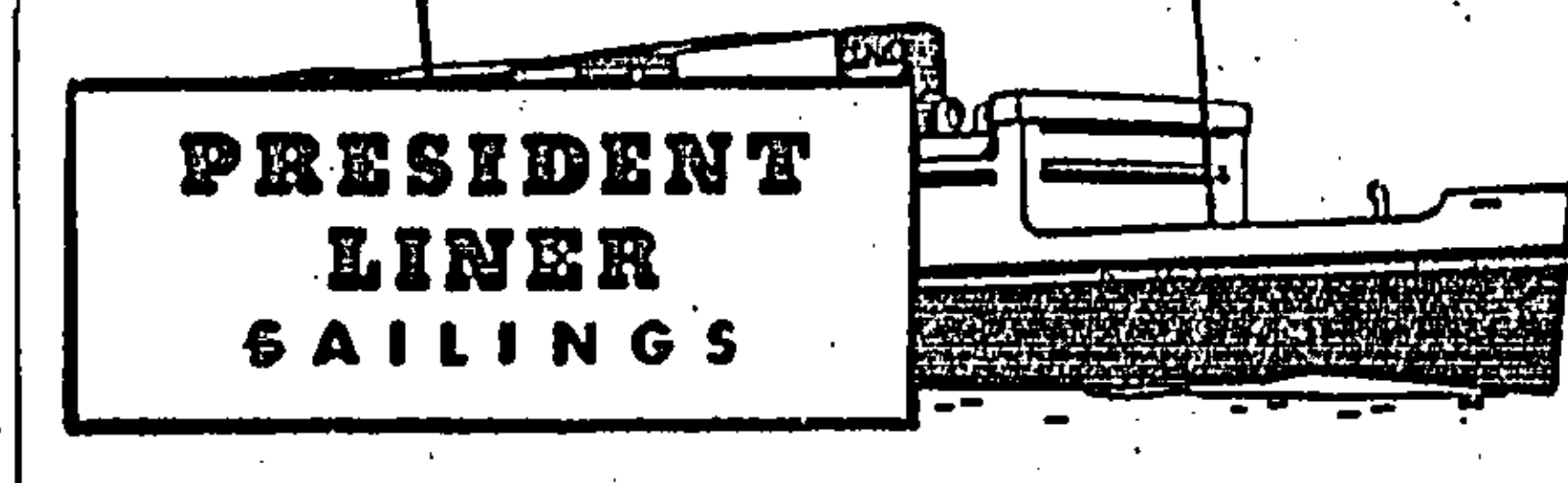
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1.45 Latest Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and the Maiden").—Roth String Quartet.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.40 Light Orchestral Selections.

7.00 Billy Mayerl at the Piano. In Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories, and Billy Mayerl's Own Selection.

7.20 Sea Shanties and Choruses.—Johnny Come Down To Hilo, The Hog's Eye Man, Raymond Newell and Chorus with Piano; Down in Democracy, Riding Down Bangor, Solomon Levi, Raymond Newell and the B. B. C. Male Chorus with Piano.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Tchaikovsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.—Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goch.

8.30 Violin Solos.—Hungarian Dance No. 5, Menuet, Wolf with Otto Schulhof at the Piano; The Child and His Dancing Doll, Albert

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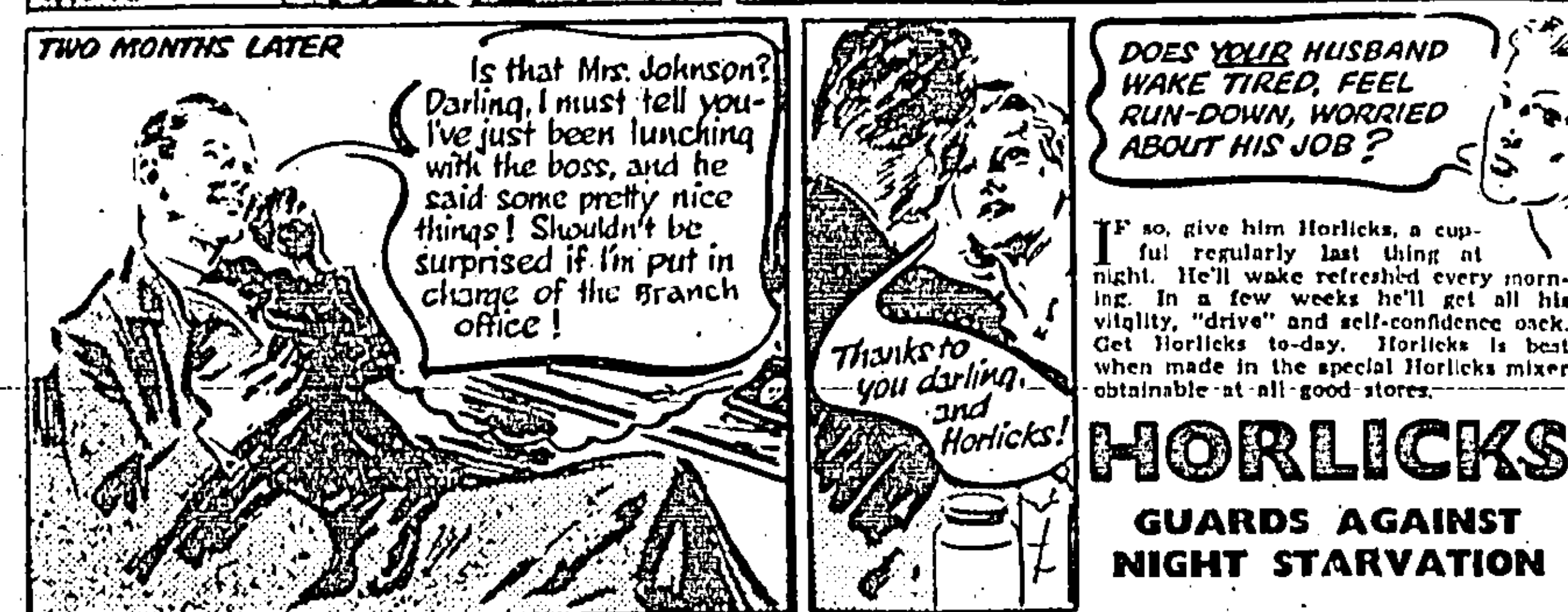
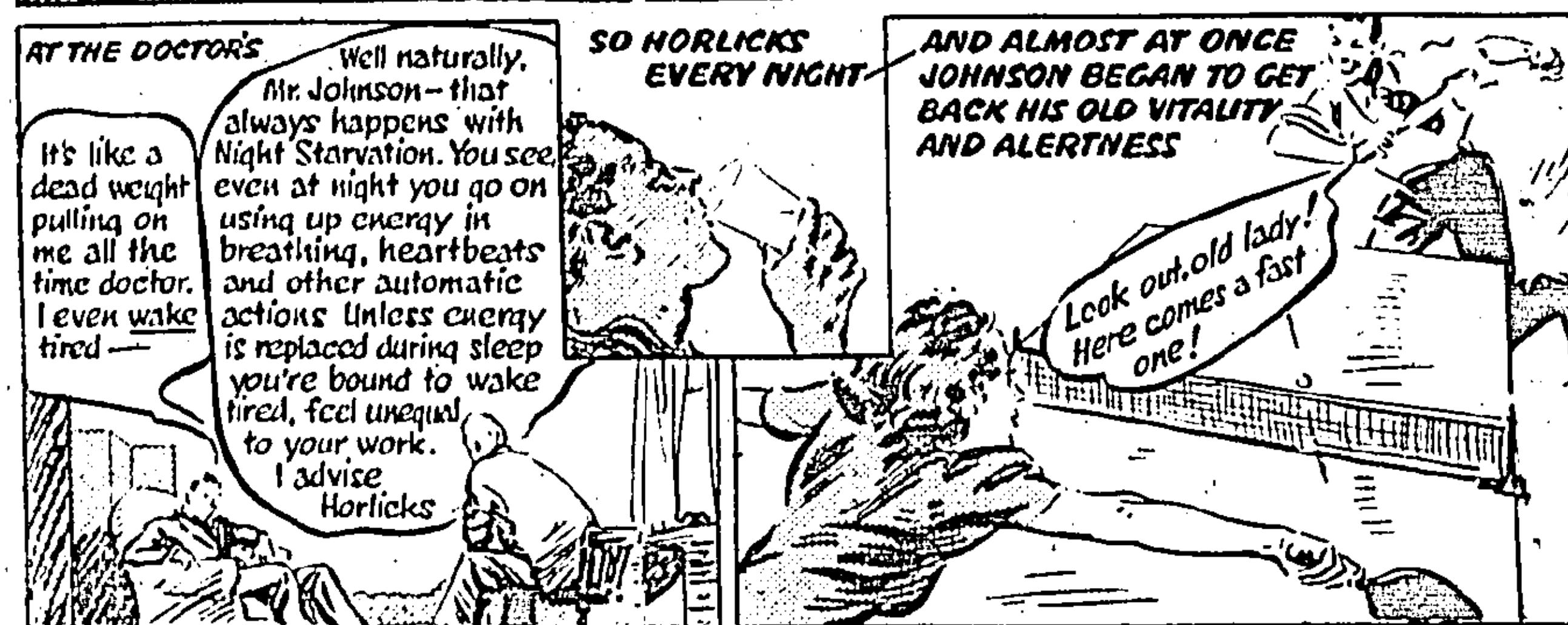
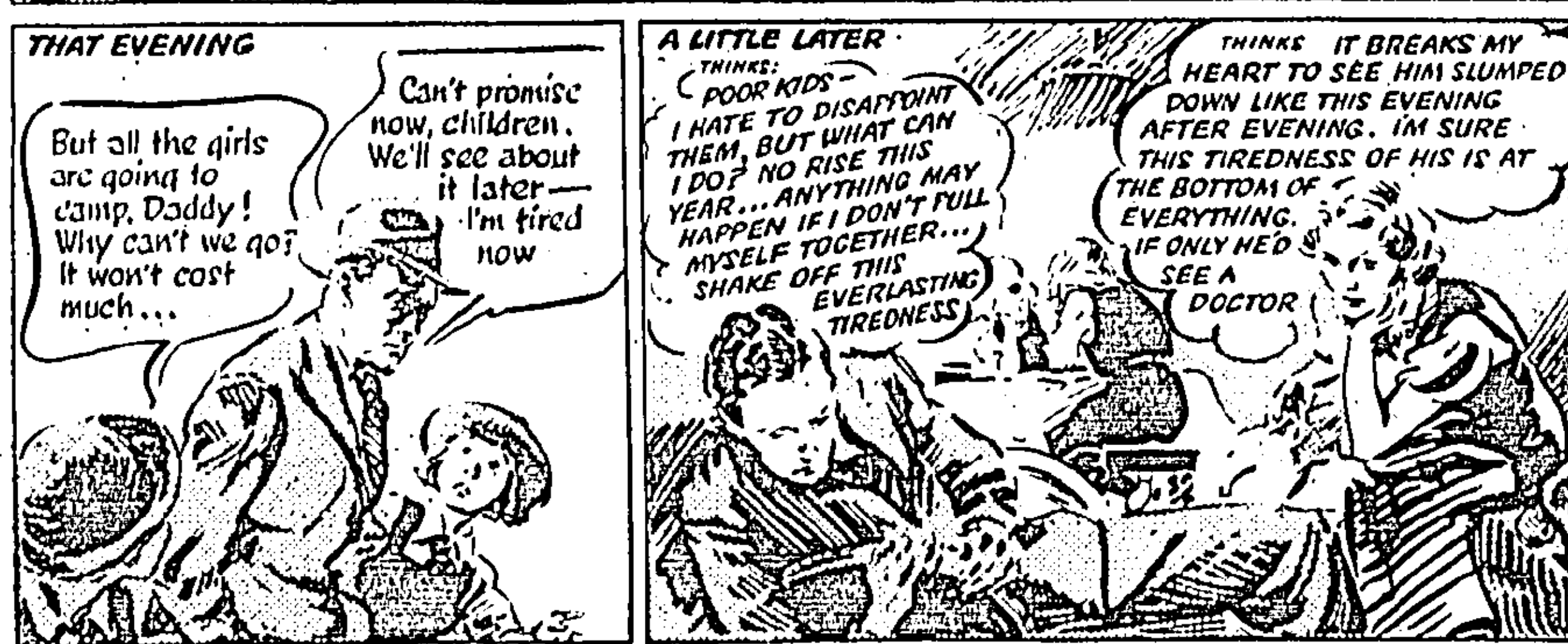
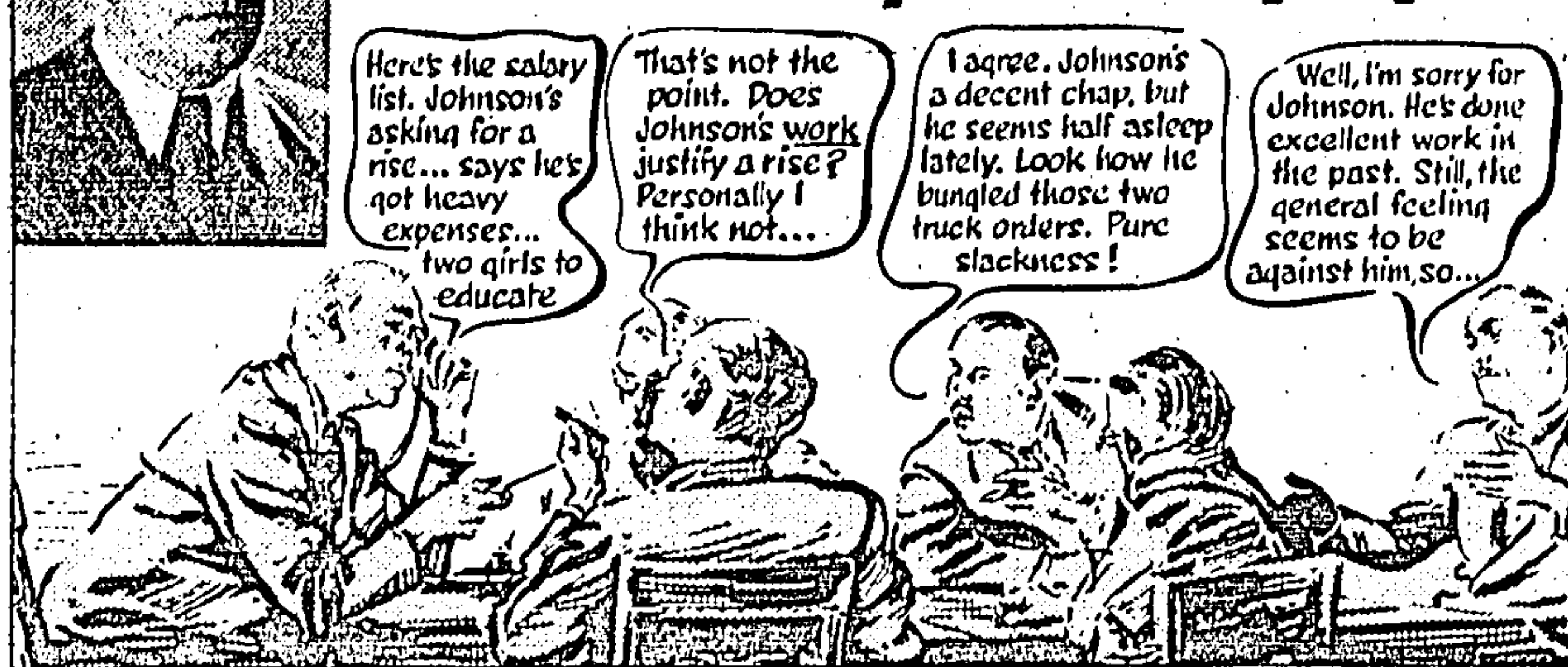
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE



Walt Disney with figurines of the principal characters which appear in "Pinocchio," which has been booked for a ten-week run in the Radio City Centre Theatre, New York. According to cable advices, this film is well on the way to shattering the all-time record created by "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The film is expected to be shown in Hongkong early in May.

Hitler Is In This Film

GAUMONT-British-Gainsborough Studios recently completed a spy picture entitled "Gestapo" in which Charles Victor, English actor, plays the role of Adolf Hitler.

The film, it is said, is one of those suspenseful yarns about which too much detail should not be disclosed in advance.

Margaret Lockwood (last seen here in "Rulers of the Sea") is the daughter of a Czech-Slovakian munitions chief. The Nazi invasion puts him to flight. He tries to take the girl with him, but the enemy intercept her and she is in a concentration camp when the old gentleman, holder of a secret plan which the Germans covet, arrives in England.

Escape

In the concentration camp is a young German and the girl and he plot an escape together. They reach England but the Germans are still after the girl because they hope she will lead them to her father and his precious documents. Father and daughter are both recaptured and taken back to Germany and there all sorts of exciting happenings before the British Secret Service scores over the sleuths of the Gestapo.

Two big American companies are concerned with this picture, according to news from Home. One is Twentieth Century-Fox, for whom Gainsborough produced it, the other is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, announced as its distributors.

Local

Entertainments

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present, this evening at a variety concert which is to be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The concert will commence at 9.15 p.m.

On Friday, the Central British School pupils are staging a physical training display, commencing at 8 p.m. The display will include gymnastics, recreational games, classical dancing, team games, free standing gymnastics, English country dancing, vaulting and agility.

The St. Patrick's Society are holding a dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday. Proceeds of the dance will go to the British War Organisation Fund.

"Jesse James" Sequel

Darryl F. Zanuck announced recently that 20th Century-Fox are making a sequel to the "Jesse James" film which was shown recently in Hongkong. It is to be entitled "Return of Frank James" and will bring back Henry Fonda as the character he played in "Jesse James."



AT THE CINEMAS

King's: "Juarez" (Paul Muni, Bette Davis).
Queen's: "Our Neighbours" (Edmund Lowe, Fay Bainter).
Alhambra: "Law of the Pampas" (William Boyd).
Oriental: "Flight To Fame" (Charles Farrell).
Majestic: "Code of the Secret Service".

Movie Star's War Effort

MADELINE Carroll is Hollywood's busiest star as a result of her determination to do everything in her power to aid in the relief of civilian war sufferers in England and France.

At the outbreak of hostilities, Miss Carroll turned over her chateau in the South of France for the use of children removed from Paris and other big French cities. Since that time she has sponsored numerous benefits in Hollywood and Los Angeles and has supervised the sending of money to Europe for relief purposes.

In order to carry on this work, Miss Carroll turned her dressing suite in the Edward Small studios into an office. She installed telephones and had her personal secretary take up duties there. As though this were not enough, she has devoted her time between "takes" on the set to knitting sweaters and other articles which are shipped abroad.

"The Rains Came"

"THE Rains Came," 20th-Century-Fox production for screening at the King's and which will commence on Friday, is said to be an excellent picturisation of Louis Bromfield's popular novel.

The author has declared himself delighted with the production and from India comes the news that the film has pleased audiences there.

Mayor Sri. S. Satyamurthi M. L. A. (Central), Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Legislative Assembly, President of the Indian Motion Picture Congress, recently issued a message about this film.

The message reads: "For the first time Hollywood has produced a picture (The Rains Came) depicting an Indian story, in Indian surroundings and with an Indian background. Of course, the photography and the recording are excellent. Making allowance for members of one race having to act the characters of persons belonging to another race, the acting is of very high order. But what pleases me particularly is that every attempt has been made to avoid any caricature or even unconscious misrepresentation of Indian life and character. On the other hand, every attempt has been made to be true to Indian life and character and motif."

"I am glad that Hollywood has recognised that India is very sensitive on this matter. This picture deserves to be seen by all Indian and friends of India. But this is only a beginning."

"By and by, we must get real pictures of Indian life and character, acted by Indians themselves. Meanwhile, I cordially thank the Producer of this picture for the service they have rendered to India and to the human understanding of India. But Hollywood may well now begin to show pictures not of the India that was, and perhaps is, but will soon vanish, but rather of the India that is to be."



TYRONE Power (as Major Sattil) and Myrna Loy (Lady Edwina Ebbels) as they appear in the 20th Century-Fox film "The Rains Came" which commences local screening at the King's Theatre on Friday.

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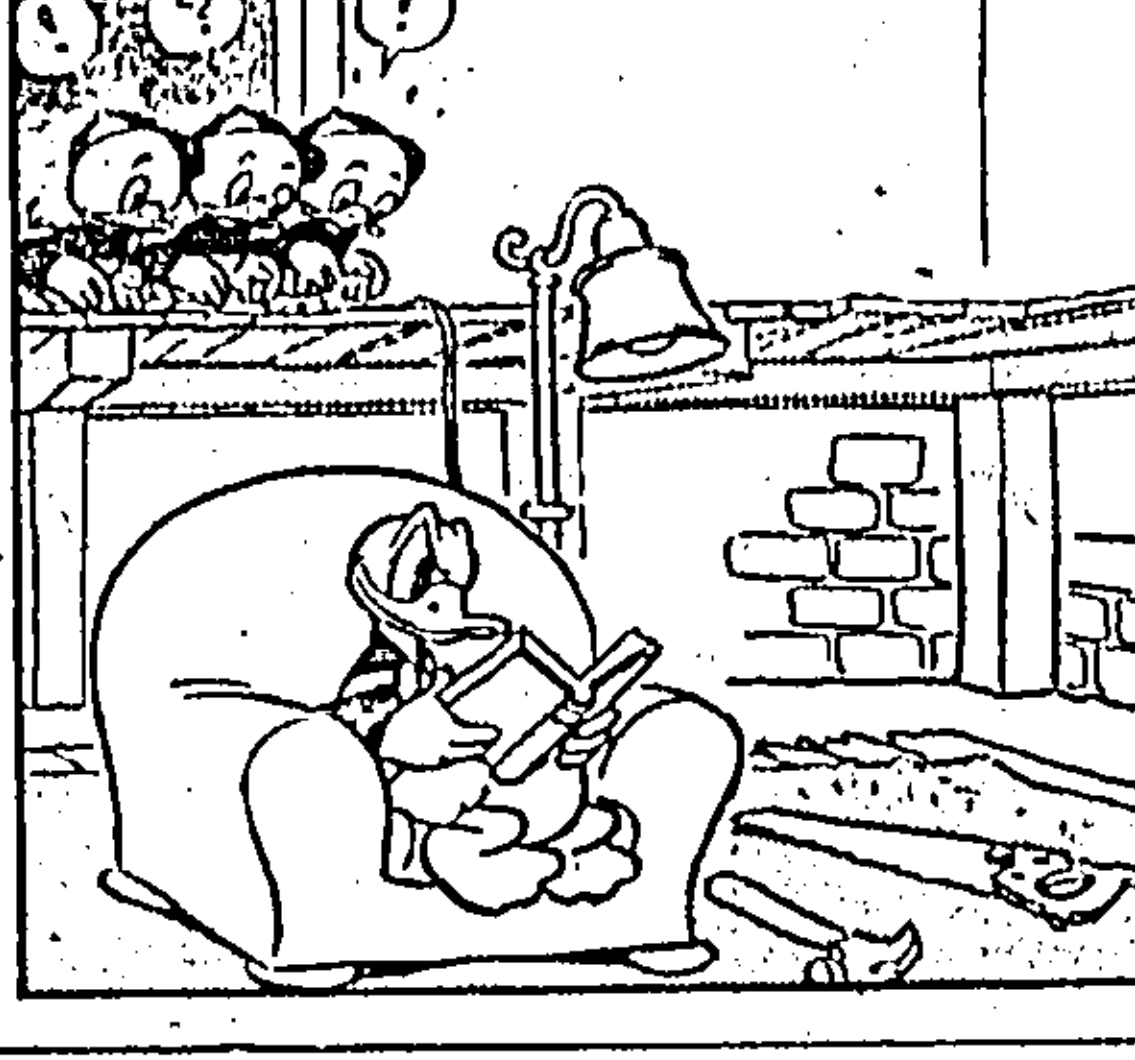
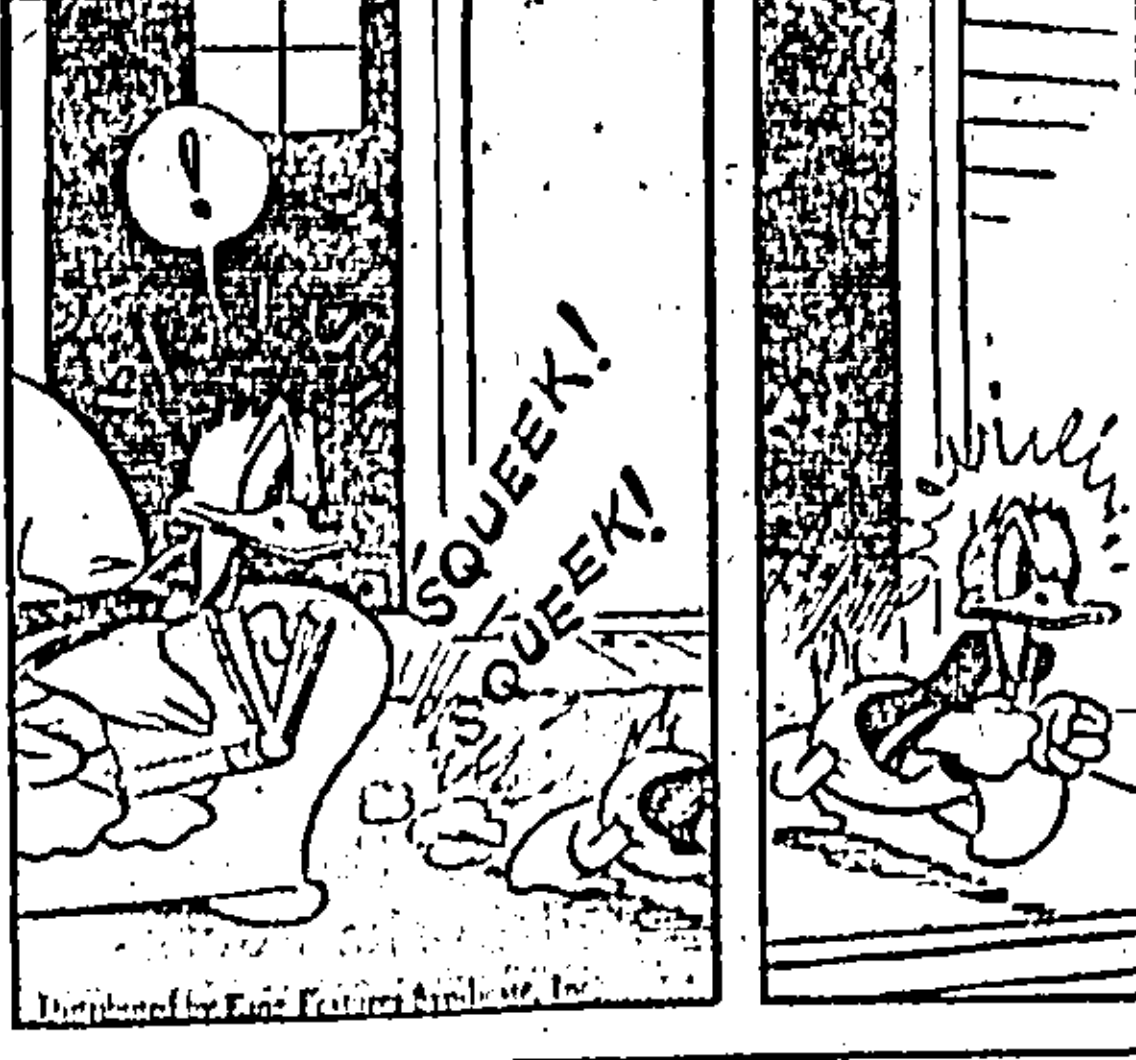
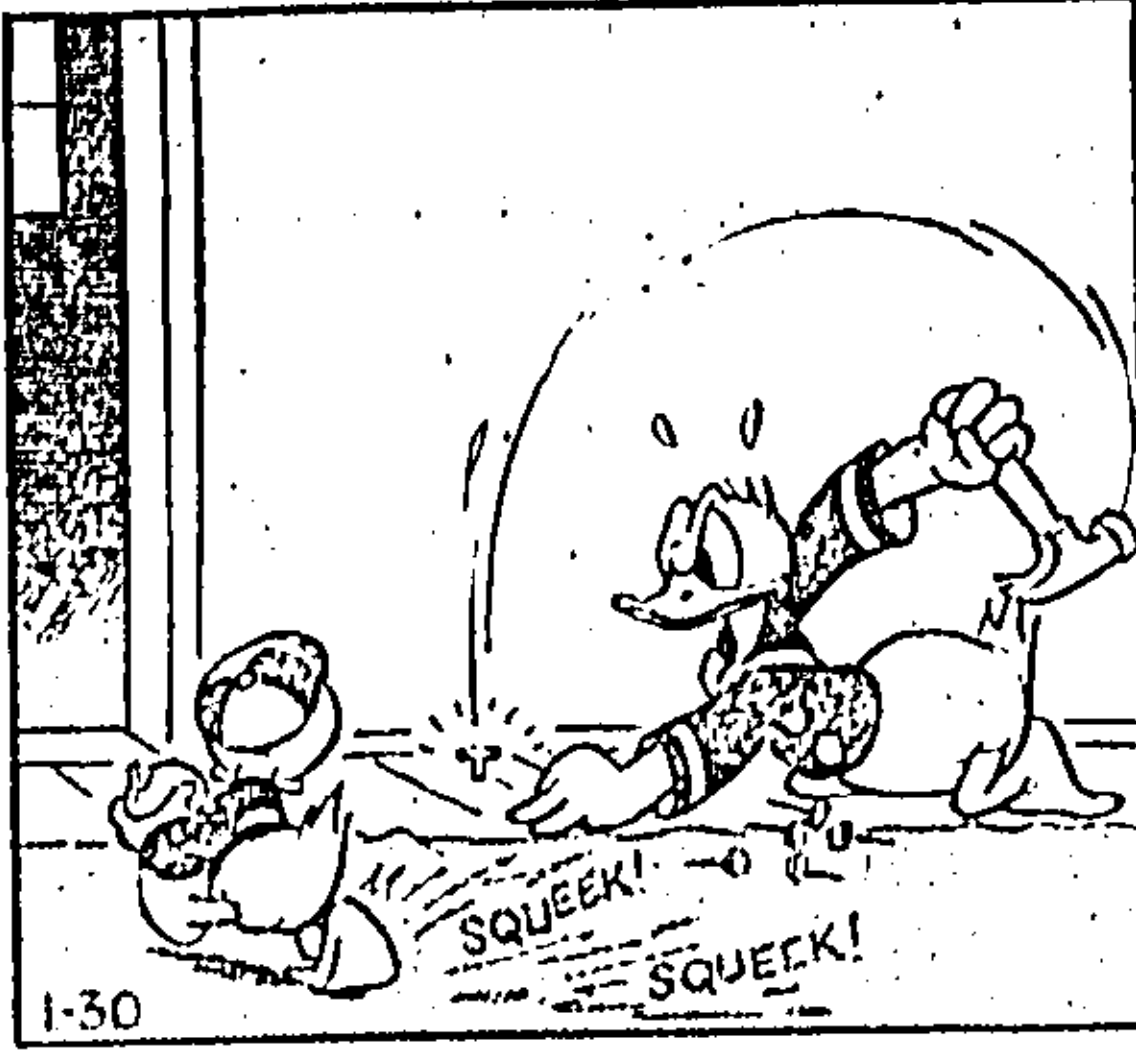
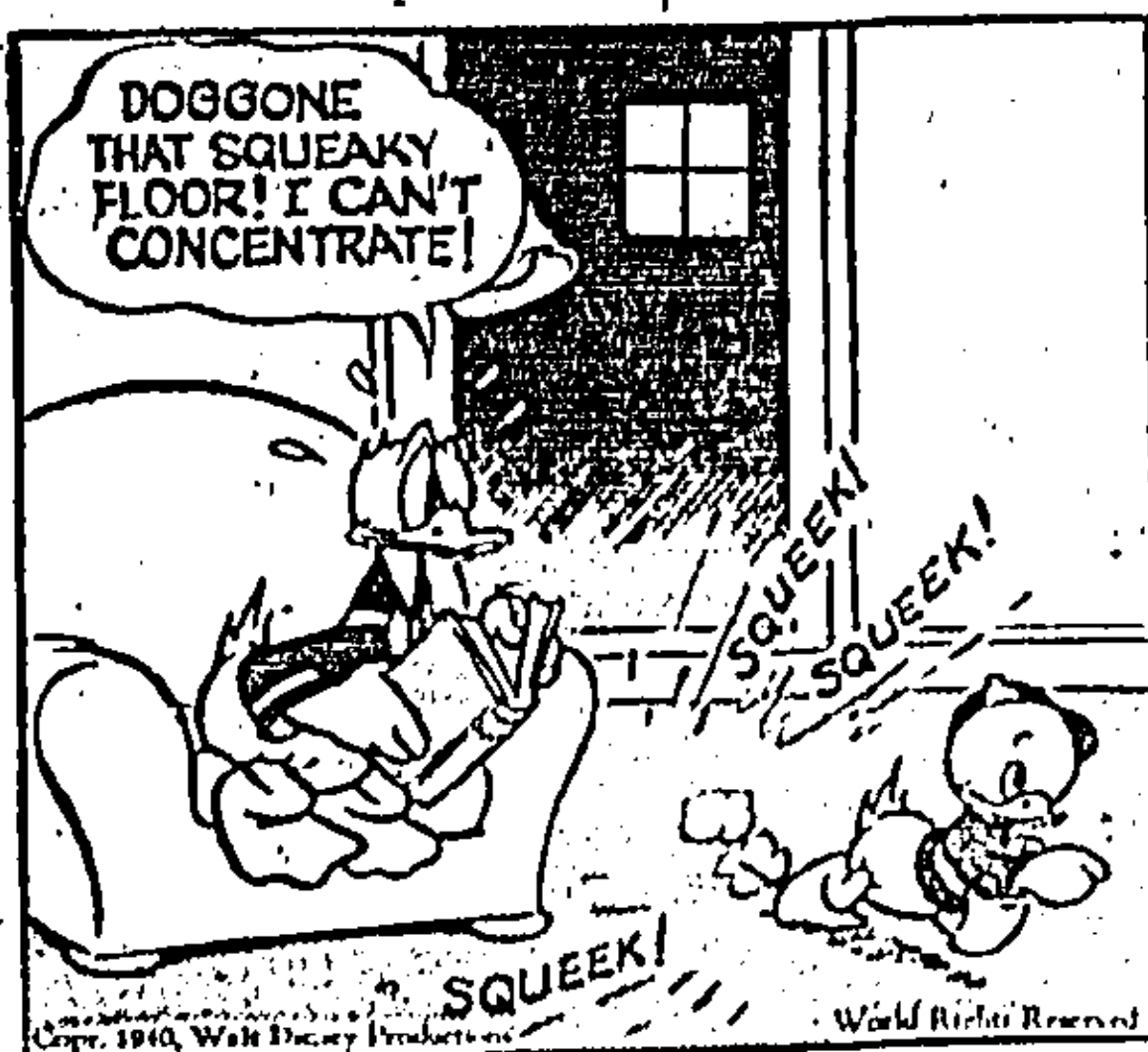
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City Girls Now Work As Lumber Jacks



City girls are now working as lumber jacks in England's backwoods. They belong to the new Forestry Section of the Women's Land Army. Here are Evelyn Andrews, who worked in a Liverpool store, and Betty Stephenson, who exchanged the scissors and overall of a hairdresser at St. Anne's, Lancashire, for the khaki and axe of the "foresteress."



Alice Fletcher, 17-year-old typist, and Olive Cheney, aged 18, hairdresser from Leeds, are two of the youngest in the camp. They love the life, and Olive likes best of all the sing-song round the hut fire at night after the day's work is done. They are paid 28s. a week by the Timber Control Board, and out of this pay 14s. a week for their keep.



"I joined on the spur of the moment," said Sadie Baxter, who was a dressmaker in Blackpool. "I certainly don't regret it after working in a stuffy room making lovely gowns for other people to wear."

Nazis hunt Priests for Work

BRATISLAVA (Slovakia). HITLER, who has so far refrained from declaring open war on Roman Catholics in Germany, has now done so in Poland. Distribution of the Pope's Encyclical denouncing Nazi and Communist dictatorship has been made a capital offence by the Nazi authorities in German-occupied Poland.

The bishop's palace at Lodz has been raided several times by Gestapo officials on the pretext that they were looking for copies of the Encyclical.

The bishop, M. Tomeczak, was arrested last month. It was learned. After spending some weeks in prison he has now been released, but is still under house arrest.

All the Jesuit priests of Lodz have been arrested, and are being pressed into Polish labour squads, which are being formed, some for work in Germany, others in the Polish Corridor, where they are expected "to tidy up things" for the Baltic German settlers.

A Polish pastor named Falzmann is faced with the death sentence, although the only charge against him so far as his flock can learn is "loyalty to Poland." The Nazi authorities argue that since Poland is occupied by the German Army all Polish patriots are guilty of high treason against Germany.

Factory Prison

Just as in the pogrom of Roman Catholics in Vienna last winter the young Nazi extremists are being given full liberty of action in Poland. These have taken over some of the textile factories of Lodz as prisons—mainly for religious prisoners.

What happens inside these factories, which are contributed to the industrial wealth of Poland, is not known. But no prisoners who have been driven into their crowded courtyards in Gestapo lorries have so far come out alive.

At Blala, near Lodz, the local vicar and the rest of his parishioners, all peasants, were driven at the point of the bayonet into the vicarage. The building was then locked and surrounded by about twenty Nazis, who threw hand grenades through the windows until all inside were dead.

'DIED' TWICE AND WAS REVIVED

LONDON.—A patient at Withington Hospital, Manchester, collapsed during an operation and his breathing stopped.

A doctor gave direct massage to the heart, and later breathing again stopped, and he was again revived. But the third time his breathing stopped it could not be restored.

The man was Charles Meredith Herbert, of Whalley Range, Manchester, 67-year old man.

A Verdict of "Misadventure" was recorded at his inquest.

PAINTERS SAID THEIR MIND

GENEVA.

CURTAINS were drawn over the windows of the German railways' travel bureau in Geneva to-day. The bureau was transferred from Paris at the outbreak of war, and a few days ago local workers were engaged to paint signs on the windows. Instead they painted just what they thought of Hitler. Hence the drawn curtains.

MESSERCHMITTS—NAZI MAINSTAY

By MAJOR F. A. de V. Robertson

LONDON. The most familiar of the German fighter aircraft are the Messerschmitts—the ME.109 and the more formidable ME.110.

The ME.109 is a single-seater, single-engine fighter, armed usually with four machine-guns. With a Daimler-Benz engine (an earlier type has a Junkers engine) it is credited with a top speed of 323 m.p.h. or a little more. In fact, with the latest type of D.B. engine it may be a little faster than the Hurricane. In the first weeks of the war the ME.109 was the most popular German fighter, but it soon proved a disappointment.

There were rumours that its wings would flutter, that it was liable to stall on a fast turn, and that its high landing speed made landings at night a hazardous business. Certainly it was out-maneuvred by the Curtiss and Morane of the French and by the British Hurricane. Its four guns were no match for the eight of the Hurricane, and it also suffered severely when, on rare occasions, it attempted to attack our Wellington bombers, with their formidable gun turrets. The probability is that we shall not hear much more of the ME.109.

In the first great air battle between our bombers and German fighters in

the Heligoland Bight the ME.110 first made its mark. It is quite a different type from the ME.109, as it has two Daimler-Benz engines, and carries a crew of two or three. Its armament is fairly heavy, and is believed to consist usually of four machine-guns in the wings and two small shell-firing guns.

Its speed is perhaps 20 miles an hour greater than that of the ME.109. It is not, however, purely a fighter, and would probably be easily out-maneuvred by our fighters, especially if it were carrying a heavy load of petrol. For that reason it would probably not be very successful as an escort for German bombers. It is useful for attacking our bombers.

The merits of the shell-gun in aircraft have still to be proved. It can exchange the machine-gun, and a single hit may prove fatal to an opponent. Hitz, however, are always more difficult to achieve at longer range, and much less ammunition can be carried for a shell-gun. The varying merits of more machine-guns and more ammunition versus fewer guns with fewer rounds but greater destructive power may be decided before this war is over.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Enquiries continue to expand and, with sellers inclined to hold aloof, prices are hardening.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,400
Canton Ind.	\$2,275
Colon Ind.	\$407 1/2
Fire Ins.	\$103
Wharves	\$103 1/2
Docks	\$22 1/2
Lands	\$30 1/2
Tramways	\$5
Star Lines	\$5
China Light	\$1,400 (Old) \$2.20
Electricity	\$97 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$20
Telephones (New)	\$20
Waters	\$20
Sellers	
Docks	\$22 1/2
Wharves	\$103 1/2
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PEER CITES CHAUFFEUR

VISCOUNT CHARLEMONT was granted a divorce decree in the Belfast High Court because of his wife's misconduct with Frederick Ryan, a chauffeur formerly employed by him.

It was alleged that Lady Charlemont and Ryan stayed at an hotel at Mere, Wiltshire.

When application was made for Lady Charlemont's costs her husband's counsel protested that she had not assisted the court and had substantial means of her own.

No order as to costs was made.

The marriage was in 1914. Lord Charlemont was formerly Minister of Education in the Northern Ireland Government.

By Walt Disney

"Women Are Born Liars," He Says

CORONER WAS A CYNIC ON MARRIAGES

MR. INGLEY ODDIE, famous London coroner for twenty-seven years, does not want to retire. Tomorrow he sits for the last time. It is his seventieth birthday. Yesterday he discussed with me the notable cases he has investigated, and the effect they have had on him.

"I am very sorry indeed that I have to go," he said. "I have reached the age limit and so I must. But my three predecessors retired at the ages of eighty, seventy-nine and seventy-five. I had hoped, now that I am well again, to be allowed to carry on at least until the end of the war.

"I shall miss my work exceedingly. What am I going to do? Well, I shall read about the war. I presume, and hope for the best.

"I do not intend to write my memoirs until the war is over. If it lasts a long time and I'm dead, well it just can't be helped.

"Has my job made me a cynic about marriage? No, it has not. My work often shows mankind up in a bad light, but also it often shows much unsuspected goodness, much sympathy and kindness. And often it gives me a chance to do some public good, which is very heartening.

"It has never affected my sense of humour, and certainly has not made me depressed.

He Knew

"Quite frankly, I love my job. I do not look forward to the farewell party to-morrow. I shall hate saying goodbye.

"The two most interesting cases in my life were those of Vera Page and of Nora Upchurch. Both were murder cases.

"In the Vera Page murder, the murderer was never discovered. In the case of Nora Upchurch I was always perfectly certain who the murderer was. After a year or two he murdered another woman. Had he been convicted at the Upchurch trial that second woman would never have lost her life.

"I have come to the conclusion that most women are simply born liars and can't help themselves. I have seen women stand up in front of me and give the most detailed and precise information, every word of which has been a lie.

"It has not taken me in. I can always detect a liar, but I've often marvelled at it. There are exceptions, of course.

Just Luck

"There is one thing I would like to say. I have had about 3,000 street fatalities to deal with, and before the war they were being reduced by the war. I speak about Coroners' London, of course, thanks to pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. I have always been rather hard on the pedestrian, blaming him for most of the street fatalities.

"So I think I'd better be careful crossing the streets of London on my way to court on Monday. It would be just my luck to be a street accident on my last day as a coroner."

And with a chuckle this man—who has looked on so much sorrow, sternly rebuked the guilty and sympathised with the bereaved—went back to finish his game of bridge, writes a London correspondent.

Case Book.

Among the notable cases Mr. Oddie has investigated were the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson by Sinn Feiners; the inquest of Fahmy Sinn Feiner, the millionaire Egyptian prince shot dead in a famous West End hotel; the inquiry into the death of actress Regine Flory, who shot herself in Drury Lane.

When he was at the Bar he was one of the Treasury counsel who conducted the prosecution of the Crippen murder trial.

German Pastor For Brighton

A German pastor who became the victim of Nazi persecution because his father was a Jew is to become curate at Preston Church Brighton.

He is Pastor W. Oelsner, who was pastor of a Lutheran church in Berlin.

Trouble arose with the Nazis because of his parentage, although the pastor himself is married to a German countess. She could have remained in Germany, but preferred to leave with her husband, and they came to England with 10 marks each.

Pastor Oelsner will be ordained by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, at Preston Old Church.

R.A.F. MATERNITY CASE JOLTED THEM

A TELEPHONE message threw the staff of a French hospital into a state of consternation and astonishment.

"This is the R.A.F.," said a voice at the other end of the line. "We are sending you a casualty in an R.A.F. ambulance. It's a maternity case."

Not until the position had been fully explained to the mystified Resident Medical Officer did the hospital authorities agree to take the case.

We have not, as the doctor explained, women flying officers out here. The "casualty" was a French woman who lives in a village near one of the R.A.F. aerodromes behind the Maginot Line.

The old village doctor is too infirm to go out at night; it is to the R.A.F. doctor attached to a British bombing squadron in the district that the 300 villagers turn in such moments of crisis.

Big-hearted Arthur, they call him—and for good reason.

He has dozens of cases of measles and mumps, and cheerfully treats everything they bring him. An agitated mother came to him to say that her daughter was expecting a baby at any moment. The aged medical man was unable to come. Would "Arthur" help her in her distress?

So as the peasants' honorary medical practitioner, "Arthur" had taken on the case.

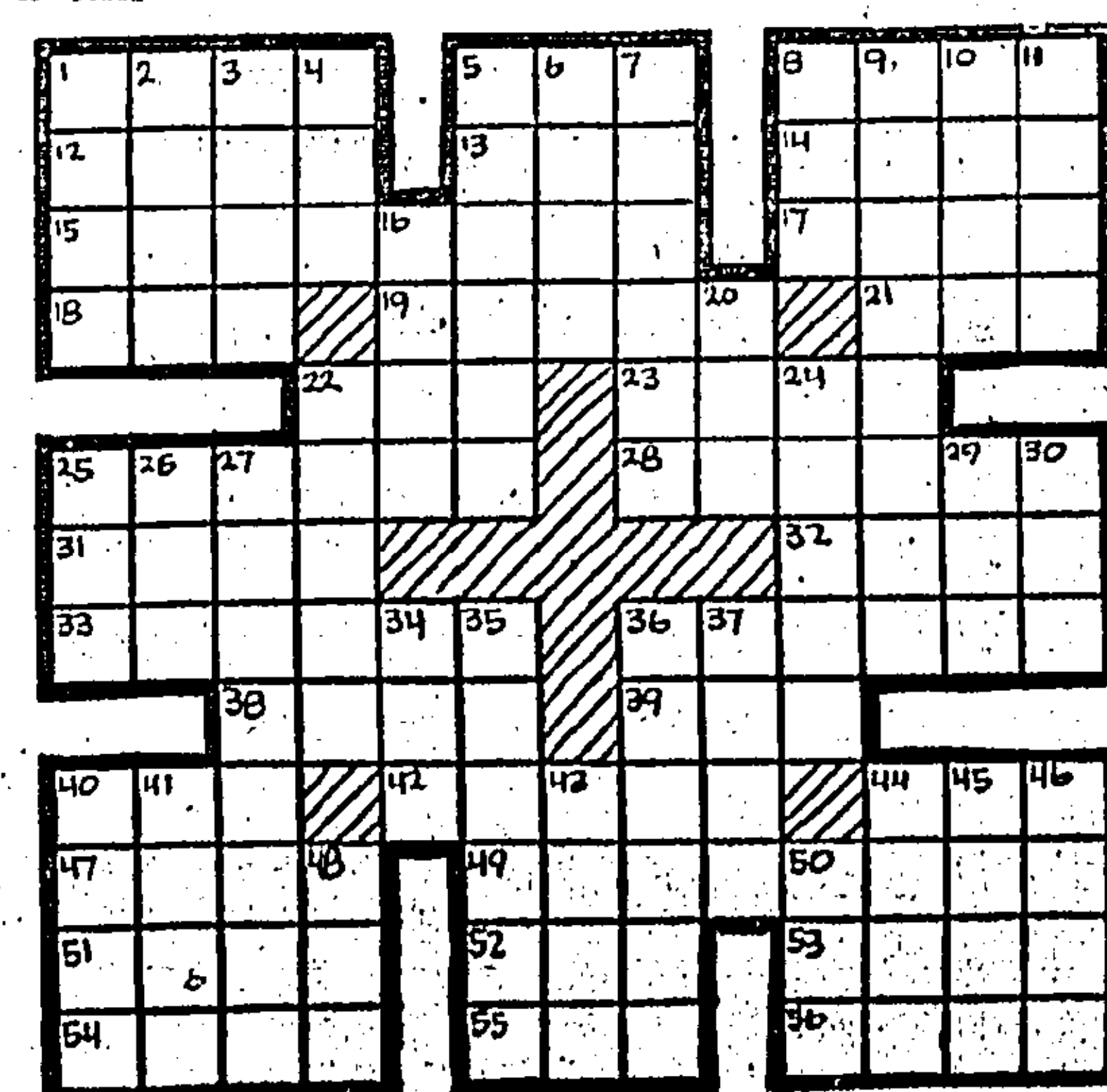
To-day the genial M.O. received a telegram from the hospital: "Marie has a fine boy. Is going to call him Arthur. Wants you to be godfather."

"Arthur" wired back his congratulations and agreed.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS		ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE	
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Listening In

SHOULD one listen in to Nazi broadcast? This question might have been readily and definitely answered before the war—to the effect that no great harm would come of the practice. Since the war began, however, the situation has changed as a matter of course, and the question may require several answers.

Much depends on the person who listens in. There are people who become depressed when they hear anything unfavourable to the Allies, even when that news is a palpable falsehood. They have a lingering notion that there may be "something in it." These people would be happier and would lose nothing by ignoring the Nazi broadcast.

Curiosity and a sense of novelty induce many to listen. But that feeling soon wears off, and all the sooner because it becomes plain that the broadcast is not of news but the clumsiest and most malicious of lies intended to spread discontent and indecision among the Allied soldiers and civil population.

One excellent reason for abstaining is that the Nazis wish the Allied people to listen in. Why oblige them? One listener, who used to listen to the Nazi farrago but does not now, puts the matter in this way: "Suppose I have a feud with a private enemy. Will I advance my cause or improve my morale if I allow him to ring me up at frequent intervals and listen without reply while he tells me that I starve my children and beat my wife, forged that cheque, and set fire to the timber yard?"

Time and taste will settle the question for each individual. By listening he may be at times amused, or irritated; but certainly not informed—save on the limitless capacity of the Nazi broadcasters for lying.

Wrong-Way Drivers
Handled By French

PARIS.—The "delicate" problem of what to do with British motorists who lapse into their habit of driving on the left side of the highway has been solved by the French Government.

These offences and other traffic rule violations will be turned over to military authorities of the British Army. Minister of Justice Georges Bonnet announced.

THIS MAN SAID:
"I LIKE WAR"

INTERSPERSED with conflicting rumours of forthcoming German offensives against the Low Countries and in the South-East of Europe are persistent reports of new underground approaches to the Allied Governments for peace parliaments.

Such approaches, if made—and it is no idle guess that they may be on the way—would not be without a certain danger; for there are still people in England (and in France) who think that some sort of deal can be done with what are called the "moderate" elements in the Nazi Party.

Now the central figure in these "moderate" elements, the man with whom it is thought an honest deal might be done, is no less a person than Field-Marshal Goering—Hitler's named successor, his chief lieutenant, and next to the Fuehrer himself the most powerful and menacing exponent of the Nazi regime in practice.



The theory about Goering appears to be that, though something of a genial ruffian, he might easily be transformed into a good European; that he did not want to begin and does not want to continue the war against Britain; that he opposed and is still opposed to the Nazi-Soviet Pact; that he has resisted Hitler's plans for an extension of the war into neutral countries; and that, with adequate encouragement from the Allies, he could overthrow Hitler and arrange satisfactory terms which would make him the master of an old-style "Conservative" Germany co-operating with the Western democracies for the overthrow of Bolshevism—and the maintenance thereafter of a comfortable status quo in Europe.

This is wishful thinking with a vengeance. It is based, not on ascertained data, but on a number of entirely nebulous assumptions.



One is that in any circumstances short of disaster in the field or Germany's complete economic collapse Goering could expect to supplant Hitler, while still alive and in full possession of his peculiar faculties, as the national leader-hero.

Another assumption, founded on absurd but carefully disseminated rumours of the abdication, in the near future, of a thoroughly baffled Fuehrer, is that the rumours would not be a crude Nazi trick to entangle the Allies into sham peace negotiations from which it would be almost impossible to withdraw.

But the most important assumption of all is that, if Hitler were dead or discarded, if what Mr. Churchill calls "the smear of Hitler" were wiped from the human path, the smear of Goering would be less foul, his word more to be trusted, his rule less likely to keep Europe in a ferment.

What manner of man is this Goering on whom we are to build hopes of a solidly-negotiated permanent peace? What is his record?

Let it never be forgotten that, from the moment he flew back,



By A. J. Cummings

a daring young airman, to defeat Germany after the Armistice, he has been filled with the fury of revenge—revenge not only against the victorious enemy, but against Catholicism and Bolshevism, against the "yellow internationale (to quote his own words) of Jewish capitalism" and against the democracies which he still fanatically believes to be the instruments and dupes of the Jewish peril.

He once said to a friend of mine: "I like war and I am going to give Europe another taste of it." His reckless and ferocious temper gives point to these words.



He is the man who prefers guns to butter, who wants the world to tremble once more "before the tramp of Prussian grenadiers." He cares nothing for human life, and has had hundreds of his own comrades shot with as little compunction as if they were rabbits.

Penniless and embittered, scarcely able to exist on his pay

as a commercial pilot, he met Hitler at Konigsplatz in the autumn of 1921; and, finding in him a kindred spirit, joined him at once in a blood-partnership for the smashing of "the Jew republic" and the "liberation" of Germany.

He has remained to this very day Hitler's right-hand man—"the best of them all," said Hitler warmly not many months ago.

He proved his courage and his inflexible will in the critical period of the Nazi struggle for power.

He induced the aged Hindenburg to sign the decree appointing Hitler Chancellor by telling him a lie about General von Schleicher's intention to march on Potsdam and arrest the President.



He also frightened Hindenburg into abolishing constitutional safeguards, thus enabling him as Prussian Police Minister to terrorise and stamp out all opposition and deposit the leaders in concentration camps.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Perhaps I can help, Madam—has he a Grecian or Roman nose?"

It is commonly believed, though the evidence is not conclusive, that his agents fired the Reichstag in order to implicate the Communists and bring about their final destruction.

It will be remembered how, at the subsequent trial in the German Supreme Court of Justice, this strange being, then Prime Minister of Prussia, gave what was a mockery of evidence, literally dancing with rage and shaking both fists wildly at the prisoner Dimitrov, while a stream of frenzied abuse poured from his lips.

"You wait," he bawled, as Dimitrov was taken away, "I'll get you out of the power of this Court."

It was Goering who invented and established the Gestapo, the most cruel and bestial organisation of secret police ever imposed upon a civilised community, and used it with ruthless gusto to maintain the dictatorship until he handed over his machine of torture and death to the equally efficient hands of Heinrich Himmler.

"We need men who will be blind and deaf and dumb when we want them to be so," he told his second-in-command, at the outset; "We want automats—but they must shoot straight."

It was Goering who, in the great purge of June, 1934, "cleared up" North Germany and had the firing squads at work "from dawn to dusk" in the old military academy at Lichtenfelde, where years before he had undergone his army training.

It was Goering, above all, who set going the secret rearmament of Germany—at a time when she was forbidden under treaty more than 100,000 soldiers—and carried out with passionate enthusiasm Hitler's order to build the greatest air force the world had ever seen. A dozen times he has declared his intention to use this mighty weapon, his pride and joy, to bring England to her knees.

No wonder a grateful Fuehrer has presented him with so many medals and decorations that (as they say in Germany) if there are more to come and they are pinned on the only place still available on his ample form he will be unable to sit down.

Now this squat, barrel-chested giant, grotesque in his obesity, but as full of energy as ever, has been placed by his master in absolute control of Germany's war economy. If Hitler had not trusted him he would not have placed him where he is.

In his own way he is as much an evil genius of Nazi Germany as the Fuehrer himself. In a sense he is more dangerous since his brutal conduct is camouflaged behind a bluff and breezy manner that has deceived many simple foreigners.

Criminals, great and small, have used the same camouflage with fatal success. It is not an irrelevance that Goering's household pet is a beast of the jungle. The man is as merciless as he is jovial, without moral scruples of any kind; and his twin gods are unlimited power and unlimited revenge.

Is there anything at all in his record and personality to suggest that he can be used or trusted by a decent diplomacy to bring peace and security to a shattered Europe? In the world as it is to-day those who would sup with the devil should use a very long spoon.

Hongkong Refugees

Tai Hang Squatters Camp Has 920

According to the latest report issued by the Medical authorities the Chinese refugees and destitutes in Government camps are as follows:

In urban areas, civilians.—King's Park 1,314 on March 9, as compared with 1,210 for March 2; Matiauchung 1,338, as compared with 1,325; North Point 1,412, as compared with 1,417 and Morrison Hill 445, as compared with 449.

In urban area, soldiers.—In hospital 16 on March 9, as compared with 17 on March 2 and Angley Street 109, as compared with 600.

In the Tai Hang Squatters Camp 920 were accommodated on March 9, the same number on March 2. Rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,069 on March 9, as compared with 1,024 on March 2 and San Uk Ling 222, as compared with 309.

The grand total on March 9 was 8,935, as compared with 8,272 on March 2, showing an increase of 663.

Carnival Dance

The Royal Engineers' Old Comrades' Association are holding a Carnival Dance on St. Patrick's Eve, March 16 at the Peninsula Hotel, from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Dance Orchestra of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, R.E. and Officers. There will be novelties and spot prizes. A free ferry will leave Kowloon Public Pier at 2.15 a.m. for Hongkong.

Admission is Ladies \$1.50, Gents \$2. Tables may be reserved on application to the Manager, Peninsula Hotel, (Tel. 59081); Sgt. S. Pearson, R.E., C.E. Office, Command Headquarters, (Tel. 34121 Ex. 23).

BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

London, Mar. 12. The War Minister, Mr. Oliver Stanley, introduced the Army estimates in the Commons to-day stating that Britain would need a big army in order to alleviate the burden of the land war from the shoulders of the French.

He indicated that British troops in France numbered approximately 330,000, which is twice the number there last October. The number was increasing every day, he said.

Possibly referring to Finland, Mr. Stanley said: "It would be improper and undesirable to forecast the task the British army might be called on to fulfill in the future."—United Press.

Mr. Welles At No. 10 Downing St.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles lunched with Sir John Simon at No. 11 Downing Street to-day then had a short talk with Sir Alexander Cadogan after which they went to the Admiralty.

There they saw Mr. Winston Churchill.

To-morrow, Mr. Sumner Welles will see Mr. Anthony Eden and then, at Mr. Welles' request, he will see Mr. Lloyd George.

VIOLATIONS BY NAZI PLANES

BRUSSELS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador to Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest at the flight of German planes over Belgian territory to-day.

Two foreign planes, it is reported, flew over Liege at mid-day and were fired on by A.A. batteries. They were also pursued by fighters.

Two hours later more planes flew over Liege and were fired at.

NAZIS FEVERISH EFFORTS TO GET RUMANIAN OIL

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, in reply to a question whether during recent weeks German interests had intensified their efforts to acquire control of Rumanian oil companies, said that the Government was fully aware that German interests were constantly making every effort to increase the quantities of oil available for purchase by Germany.

This at all times was the subject of close attention by the Government.

U.S. NAVAL EXPANSION

Huge Expenditure Bill Is Passed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The House of Representatives to-day approved the Vinson Naval Expansion Bill after a four hour debate.

"Let Europe know we can speak the language of force," urged Representative Carl Vinson, sponsor of the Bill and Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee when he opened the debate.

"This is cheap insurance for the peace and security of this country, and it is our first duty to have a Navy adequate for the protection of the United States."

\$655,000,000 Expenditure.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day passed and sent to the Senate a Bill authorising the expenditure of \$655,000,000 on the expansion of the United States Navy and its air force in the next two years.

The Bill is designed to give the United States fleet 21 new combat ships, 22 auxiliary vessels and 1,011 war planes.

The Bill met little opposition.

Crews Rescued From Two Sunk Trawlers

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The crew of the British steamer, Gardena, 3,745 tons, have landed on the east coast of a tiny island which had been sunk following an explosion.

Second Crew Landed.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The crew of nine from the Lowestoft steam trawler Halifax 105 tons, were landed at Lowestoft to-day by her sistership Ipswich which picked them up last night after the Halifax had sunk in the North Sea.

R.A.F. BOMB U-BOAT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that during a reconnaissance flight over Heligoland Light and the estuaries yesterday, aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command successfully attacked a German submarine at the entrance of the Schilling Roads.

The submarine was seen to be hit by at least one bomb and is believed to have been sunk.

PEACE IN FINLAND

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here to speculate on the prospects of mediation in Europe's major war.

Increased importance has been attached to the Welles Mission, and neutral quarters have expressed the view that the Finnish peace may encourage President Roosevelt to suggest mediation in the Allied-German conflict in which a stalemate is expected to continue because the Finnish peace will enormously reduce the possibility of creating a new battlefield in Scandinavia.

Other repercussions expected include a further cementing of the Soviet-German partnership because Russia will be able now to give more economic help.

Fate Of Petsamo In Balance. HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Russians are ready to make conclusions concerning Petsamo according to information from a usually well-informed source here.

To Meet Stalin & Molotov.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—According to a Stockholm report given by the Paris radio, the Finnish delegation will meet M. Stalin and M. Molotov to-night.

France's 50,000 Men.

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—It is understood that the 50,000 men mentioned by M. Daladier in his statement in the Chamber to-day referred only to the French contingent of the Allied Expeditionary Force for Finland.

Plead Ignorance.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Finnish Legation here informed "Reuter" at 7.15 p.m. "We have so far no information that the Soviet terms have been accepted by the Finns or that the negotiations have been concluded."

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES

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scale with masses of modern equipment and ammunition which modern warfare necessitated was only taken a year ago.

The expansion of the British Expeditionary Force in France continued, he said, and the number of British troops in France to-day was about double what they had in October. Every day saw some increase in their strength.

Mr. Stanley said that when he recently visited France the troops had already experienced some six or seven weeks of continuous snow and frost.

He visited a great part of the lines along which we are engaged in putting up defensive works and he was struck by the amount of work accomplished and the amount of work nearly completed.

Energy And Confidence.

Almost directly after his visit conditions improved and he had no doubt but that recent weeks had shown an increased strengthening of our position.

"Wherever I went in all ranks I was immensely struck by the atmosphere of energy and confidence." (Cheers).

"It was immensely struck too with the relations between the French and English in this war as compared to the last."

"In the last war we were Allies. In this war we are friends."

HONGKONG STILL PAYS FOR 'ALL UP' AIR MAIL SERVICE

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order to help Imperial Airways. It was imposed purely in order to discourage people from using the air service and to keep air-borne mails within bounds."

That the "All Up" scheme (which is distinct from Air Mail Subsidy) was introduced in connection with the "All Up" scheme is confirmed by an explanatory note in the 1938 Draft Appropriation Account, when the first vote under this heading was explained as being caused by the fact that "All Up" was introduced in September and that the full claim had not been received from London.

The initial vote under the heading was £20,782. In 1939 it had increased to £122,034 and is estimated at £182,542 for the current year of 15 months.

Postcards May Cost Less.

Mr. Forrest is pessimistic regarding re-introduction of the "All Up" scheme. But he has promised that the G.P.O. may be able to reduce the charges on postcards carried by air.

"We have a project in hand for reducing the postage on postcards to England and Australia to 52 cents. "London, I believe, charges 7d. for postcards destined for Hongkong so we have good reason for reducing our rates."

EMPIRE WILL BE REMEMBERED

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, said that in planning the development of export trade, he would certainly bear in mind the special position of the Empire countries and the necessity of forming an organization of expansion between Imperial trade which will be necessary at the end of the war.

Pope Cautious With Ribbentrop

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—An intense account of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope is culled by "The Times" from a trustworthy source in Rome, which states that Ribbentrop asked whether the Pope was prepared to support a peace plan if one was advanced by Germany or a friendly State.

He received the reply that any eventual support would be conditional upon due reparation being made not only to Roman Catholics, but non-Roman Catholics who had been ill-treated in Poland.

The Pope is understood to have dwelt upon the injustices done to Poland and other countries like Czechoslovakia, and it is believed that his support for any peace proposals must depend upon their conforming to the five points laid down in his Christmas Allocution.

Ribbentrop made an unsuccessful attempt to persuade the Pope not to allow the Vatican broadcasts upon the Nazi atrocities to continue. The German envoy also sought to explain Germany's relations with the Soviet and to win Papal sympathy by arguing that Nazism had rescued not only Germany, but also the Roman Catholic Church from Bolshevism, and he tried to make out that German-Soviet relations were merely economic and that Germany had been driven to her present situation by Britain.

War-Time Difficulties Of The Press

Face Censorship And B.B.C. Competition

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The increased frequency of the Empire bulletin of the B.B.C. was mentioned at the annual meeting of the Empire Press Union, over which Major J. J. Astor presided.

Addressing the meeting, Major Astor discussed the handicaps imposed by the war conditions upon the overseas Press which had, among other things, to contend with transmission and censorship delays, and the fact that sometimes messages for overseas were censored while their contents were passed for publication in the United Kingdom.

There was also the increased frequency of the B.B.C. Empire news bulletins which were obviously becoming a difficult point.

Improvement Noted.

But he claimed that the frequent and persistent representations by the Union had brought about improved facilities for the Press, particularly in connection with censorship.

Sir Roderick Jones, discussing the B.B.C. news broadcasts, said that in the home field, every endeavour had been made and, he thought, with success, to keep the element of competition away.

As "empire" news broadcasts all over the world, they all felt that the B.B.C. could discharge its great duty to the nation and Empire and yet not behave in a manner which was competitive with the interests of the overseas Press.

Major Astor was re-elected President.

I.R.A. Saboteurs Sentenced

DUBLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Sentences of 12 years' imprisonment each were imposed on John Parnell, John Lyons and Joseph McDermott by a special Criminal Court here to-day on charges arising out of the Phoenix Park magazine raid.

Important Chief Of Staff Talks

ANKARA, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The presence of the two Allied Air Chiefs of the Middle East at Ankara lends added importance to the recent meeting of the Turkish Supreme War Council.

At that meeting, the Council made an exhaustive study of the country's defences and was satisfied with the measures already taken and planned.

Two Air Chiefs arrived last Saturday for conferences with the head of the Turkish Air Force.

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE PACT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The War-time Trade Agreement was initiated to-day on behalf of the British and Danish Governments to facilitate the normal flow of trade as far as possible under the present conditions.

The Committee already in existence will deal with questions arising under the new agreement.

JAMAICA'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Four hundred and eighty cases of Jamaican rum, valued at £500, and 150 barrels of coffee are among the contributions made by the Jamaica Publicity Committee out of the £230,000 collected for war fund purposes.

AID FROM ALLIES

Troops Standing By To Go To Assistance

Paris, Mar. 12. Addressing the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Prime Minister, M. Daladier, declared that 50,000 French and British troops were standing by ready to assist the Finns in their fight against the Russians.

M. Daladier declared that they were waiting only for the outcome of the present peace negotiations.—Reuter.

Offers By Britain.

LONDON, Mar. 12. It is learned that the offer of all possible aid to Finland mentioned by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday was made to the Finnish Government in more than one communication which reached Helsinki before the Finnish delegation left to discuss peace terms in Moscow.

It was authoritatively stated this morning that no communication had been received from the Finnish Government in regard to this offer. So far as is known in London, the Finnish delegation is still in Moscow.—Reuter.

Statement Approved.

LONDON, Mar. 12. In addition to approving the action of Government in refusing to pass on the Soviet terms to Finland, British Press commentators generally convey their realization that Finland's decision, when reached, is likely to have a big effect on the future course of European history.

All commentators, however, are content to leave the verdict to Finland's free choice now that she is apprised of the Allies' willingness to assist her if necessary.

The Daily Telegraph writes that it is inconceivable that any doubt could be felt in Scandinavia of the effect of submission to Russia's full demands. Suggestions are afloat of Sweden's willingness to counter-sign Russia's latest revised terms with a guarantee to assist Finland in the event Russia is attempting aggression in future. Such "thus far shall thou go and no further" would have a value which the Finns can best assess.

The News Chronicle says that the Allied offer could only be partially effective since Sweden will not at the moment provide passage for foreign troops, but Sweden may change her mind if Finland decides to fight on.

The Daily Mail urges the despatch of an important member of the British Government to Stockholm. "If Finland calls for aid must we refuse it because the way is barred by the timorous Swedish Government?" the paper asks.—Reuter.

Appeals To Germany.

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12. The newspapers to-day printed for the first time an appeal by a meeting of 100 Finnish citizens of German birth, many of them members of the forces which fought for Finland in 1918, to Hitler, Goering, Gen. von Brauchitsch and Admiral Raeder, to "raise the voice of the Reich before all civilized nations against those bloody deeds Russia is perpetrating on Finnish women and children and on this country, which is an outpost of Germany and the Western world."

The statement adds:—"We appeal to you from the bottom of our hearts not to permit the sacrifices which the Germans once made for this land to be in vain."

In closing the meeting the Chairman said that the world must not be given the opportunity of saying that the Germans were moral cowards.

The only answer so far has been a brief notification that the appeal has been placed in the hands of those to whom it was addressed.—United Press.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY

A large number of members attended the first annual meeting of the St. Teresa's Youth Association at the Catholic Young Men's Club, Kowloon Tong, last night.

Following a review of the association's religious and sporting activities, the officers for the coming season were elected. They are—L. Campos (President); R. Soares (Vice-President); P. H. Ulrich (Hon. Sec.); L. Sequiera (Hon. Treasurer); F. Castro (Sports); J. Antonio, T. Cruz, A. Ulrich, P. Antonio, Committee.

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The process of this amazing discovery, called Vi-Tabs has been so great in America that it is now being distributed by all chemists here and a cure is complete satisfaction or money back. In other words, Vi-Tabs must make you feel full of vigour and energy and from 10 to 15 years younger, or you merely return the empty bottle and get your money back. And the double-strength bottle of Vi-Tabs is a guarantee of complete satisfaction.

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SWING DEMONSTRATION IS UNIQUE FOR H.K.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND miles of travel which was interrupted by the outbreak of war in Europe has brought to Hongkong two of the most outstanding show personalities this Colony has witnessed.

They are Fredric and Sandra Hartnell, now appearing nightly in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

The two artists opened their Hongkong season on Saturday night in an atmosphere which, after their first number, was distinctly cordial and appreciative.

Their numbers—during this week they are giving a Waltz in Springtime, the Broadway Thym and a Bracket of Swing Dances—are something entirely new for Hongkong. "Swing is the rage everywhere now," said Sandra in an interview.

All their numbers have a Swing background. The Waltz in Springtime is a waltz at a spectacular tempo and the Bracket of Swing Dances consists of three numbers which are breathtaking in their rendition.

The visitors are lucky to have found in Nick Korin's orchestra a perfect Swing Band, for unless Swing tempo is present their numbers could conceivably lose the spectacular rhythm which makes them so delightful to watch.

Around The Courses

HENRY COTTON THINKS SAND GREENS

Improve Putting And Chipping—If You Get To Know Them

(By "Birdie")

HERE IS WHAT the maestro—Henry Cotton—thinks of sand greens:

"Playing on a course with sand greens improves chipping because there is so much of it to do and on courses where the extremities of climate prevent grass greens, they are a good substitute, and the tell-tale path of the ball in the sand shows up the accuracy or otherwise of your putting stroke."

He holds no brief for sand, however, for he also thinks that grass greens, even when frozen, are better any time.

His experience of sand greens, it appears, was gathered in America. He had thought of them as of a hard and fast putting surface, on which no one could maintain control, but in his own words: "These greens are not fast to putt on. They are like the normal grass greens, and the ball tends to pull up rather than race away."

There are, however, two types of sand greens. The first is the dry kind and the second is composed of oiled sand (to prevent the grains from blowing away). The Country Club at Sheungshui, is the only course in Hongkong that has sand greens, but there they are dry, and on windy days the greatest difficulty is experienced on them when the sand blows around, or piles up into little waves that stop the roll of the ball. Having played there during both dry and wet weather, I had thought the answer to this problem was to keep them ever damp, but in a climate like this it would require constant watering—I had never thought of oil.

Though they will not hold a long pitch, the shorter ones not only hold but the subsequent run is very true, and, in America, the professionals almost look to holing out from anywhere within thirty yards!

The one great drawback to keeping the greens oiled is that they are constantly becoming more and more adhesive. After every stroke, even a six-inch putt, the ball would have to be picked up and cleaned, for the coarse grains of sand would cause it to do funny things.

During competitions on the American sand courses, there is on each green a man with a mat like an inverted door-mat, which he drags around the green, beginning from the pin and working outwards. It keeps the sand level, and obliterates the marks of previous puttings. In ordinary rounds, each player is provided with a sort of folded brush, which can go into the bag, and which is used to wipe out any marks made.

On such greens, this is a great point in etiquette, and it is regrettable that at the Country Club there are yet members who cannot smooth over the little pits made by their approach shots, much less the tracks made by their balls.

Cotton concludes his article, saying "they are really easy to play once you get to know the greens, but if there has been rain, and the rest of the course is soft and holding, it is difficult to get used to pitching almost right up to the green, but not on the actual putting surface."

LATEST standings for the 1940 Harry Vardon Trophy of the Professional Golfers' Association of America are:

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, 66 pts.
Jimmy Hines, Great Neck, 30
Horion Smith, Oak Park, Ill., 28
Ben Hogan, White Plains, N. Y., 20
Dick Metz, Oak Park, Ill., 20
Olin Dutra, Los Angeles, 23
Jimmy Thomson, Chicago, 16
Al Kreuzer, Beloit, Wis., 10

LEADING money winners for the P.G.A. winter tournament

SPORT ADVTS.
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOD on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Patty Berg Wins Fifth Straight Title

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP).—Patty Berg won her fifth straight Miami Biltmore women's golf title here, defeating Betty Jameson, the National champion, on the 38th hole of one of the finest, most thrilling matches ever played between women.

It was nearly pitch dark and the two girls were verging upon exhaustion when Betty, the San Antonio star, missed her tee shot on the short 38th and lost to the player from Minneapolis.

They had been deadlocked at the end of 18 holes, and at the end of 36.

golf (Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco opens):
Jimmy Demaret \$2,375
Lawson Little 1,940
Clayton Heffer 1,583
Jimmy Hines 800

TWO matches in the second round of the Mixed Four-somes competition were played at the Country Club last Sunday. Eight of the better players of the Club were involved, and the results were:

Mrs. A. Seagler and P. K. C. Tyau beat Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios 2 up.

Mrs. A. J. Kew and T. Y. C. Lee beat Miss Molly Churn and A. W. Ramsey 3 and 2.

The first of these two matches was a great struggle. Tyau and partner turned four up, but their opponents fell into stride over the second nine holes, and with just a little more luck might have taken the match to the 10th or even have won. On the 12th green, Tyau rested almost on the edge of the cup to let Mrs. Remedios at a stroke. Though only one foot from the cup, and with one stroke in hand, she had to putt around, and the hole was halved.

On the 15th green Tyau and partner were only two up (despite the previous incident), and the Remedios were again within 18 inches of the cup. But Tyau, from well outside the green, holed out in the style that Cotton says professionals in America almost look forward to doing. The odds were very conceivably in the Remedios' favour to win the hole, and instead of their opponents being one up and three to two, they were down three. Yet their lead was reduced to dormie one; but winning the last hole, they won two up.

Altogether nine units, comprising 135 men, took part in the race, and all completed the course with the exception of the Signals. The results were—1, Rajputana Rifles; 2, H.K.S.R.A.; 3, Kumaon Rifles; 4, 5th A.A.R.A.; 5, 12th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 6, 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 7, Middlesex; and 8, Royal Scots.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding Major-General A.E. Cassell, congratulated the winners, after which Mrs. Cassell gave away the prizes.



Craig Wood, United States Ryder Cup player, in putting stance. The ball, apparently, has gone down.

Cricket Tournament

R. Engineers Defeat Gunners

IN THE SEMI-FINAL round of the Large Units knock-out Cricket competition at Sookunpo yesterday, Royal Engineers beat the Royal Artillery by four runs. The Gunners, with the exception of Brig. McLeod and Major Templer, could do little against the bowling of Parsons, who secured five wickets at a cost of four runs apiece.

ROYAL ENGINEERS
Capt. D. C. E. Grose, 15-w, 4-4
Sgt. Ship, run out 12
Sgt. Ratcliffe, c. Barby, b. Ward 15
L. Plummer, c. Ship, b. Barby 15
Capt. F. L. Freeman, not out 37
Sgt. Bailey, not out 11
Extras 127
(for 5 wickets dec.) 127

Lt. Col. Pelham, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Messon and Major W. W. Parsons did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

ROYAL ARTILLERY
Brig. T. McLeod, b. Parsons 33
Capt. Ingram, b. Ratcliffe 17
Capt. Hook, b. Ratcliffe 15
L. Plummer, c. Ship, b. Barby 15
Lt. Skelworth, b. W. Parsons 15
Gnr. Barby, c. Ship, b. Parsons 20
Major Templer, b. Ship 0
B.G.M.S. Seale, b. Parsons 11
Cpl. Ward, b. Ship 3
Dobbinson, not out 3
Thorpe, b. Parsons 1
Extras 3
Total 133

Bowling Analysis

Grand National Call-Over

London, Mar. 12.
The following were to-day's call-over prices for the Grand National: Kilsler, Sterling Duke 100-7 offered, 15-1 taken. Smacchis 100-6 o. 20-1 t. Venturesome Knight 10-1 o. 20-1 t. Workman 20-1 o. 33-1 t. 100-7 Professor II o.—Reuter.

Rajputana Rifles Win Cross-Country Race

THE ARMY cross-country race held yesterday was won by Rifleman Amar Singh, of the Rajputana Rifles, with Naik Ahmed Khan, H.K.S.R.A., second, and Rifleman Bishan Khan, Kumaon Rifles, third.

The distance was six miles, starting from the Polo ground, round Kowloon City behind the rifle ranges, and back. The winner's time was 37 mins. 20 secs.

Altogether nine units, comprising 135 men, took part in the race, and all completed the course with the exception of the Signals. The results were—1, Rajputana Rifles; 2, H.K.S.R.A.; 3, Kumaon Rifles; 4, 5th A.A.R.A.; 5, 12th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 6, 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 7, Middlesex; and 8, Royal Scots.

Badminton

FIRST ROUND MATCHES OF OPEN DOUBLES

Eardley And Smith Defeat Remedios And Carvalho

FIRST ROUND MATCHES in the Colony badminton doubles championship were played at King's College and Taikoo last night, as a result of which H. Eardley and N. L. Smith, C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin, and H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai entered the second round.

The results in full were:
H. Eardley and N. L. Smith beat J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho (at King's College) 15-8, 13-15, 15-8.
C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin beat F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (at King's College) 15-5, 15-17, 15-11.
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai (at Taikoo) 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

The opening match at King's College, which everyone expected would be the best of the evening, was very disappointing. Flashes of form were brief and far between. At most times, all four players, Eardley, Smith, Remedios and Carvalho, experienced difficulty with high shots, and committed frequent errors. In the first set, the ultimate winners concentrated on Carvalho, who was badly off form, and jumped into an 11-3 lead, before the Recreio pair, mainly through Remedios, managed to strike anything like form.

They won five points, but it was the end, and the St. John's pair took the set at 15-8.

The second set was more even. Both sides took turns in the lead, and though Eardley and Smith were particularly brilliant mid-court and at the net, they were poor from the baseline, and the Recreio pair eventually won 15-13.

The Recreio rally had ended. The winners romped away into an 11-0 lead in the final set, and though Remedios came to the fore once more with some fine cross-court shots, he could not prevent the set going to Eardley and Smith at 15-8.

A DING-DONG MATCH

A GREATER struggle was seen in the second match. The Kwoks put up a very fine fight against a more brilliant pair of opponents. David Kwok was in fine fettle, but Frank was something of a passenger in the combination. Cheah and Chin took the first set at 15-5.

In the second set, the Kwoks showed something of an understanding, and established a lead at 10-5

Tournament Hockey

Army Eleven To Meet Club To-Day

The following Army team will meet the Hongkong Hockey Club in the first match of the annual triangular hockey tournament between the Royal Navy, the Army and the Club. This game will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Sookunpo.

Sgt. Dobson (R.E.); Pte. Stickleby (M'sex) and Datta Ram (Raj.); Sgt. Ure (M'sex), Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Sgt. Croston (R.E.); Shah Wali (Raj.); Sgt. Homberg (R.E.), Lt. Britan Nath (Raj.), Nerrain Singh (Kumaons) and Partab Singh (Kumaons).

and 13-7. The University pair woke up, and in a series of dazzling shots drew up to 12-13 before service changed hands again. The Kwoks won one more point, but on next service the Varsity pair levelled the score at 14-14. They settled three points.

Cheah and Chin led 1-0, and then the Kwoks drew level 1-1. The service changed hands several times without further score, and then the Kwoks gained the two points for the set at 17-15.

The third set was a repetition of the second. The scores were more or less even until the Kwoks were ahead at 11-10, but at this stage the Varsity pair jumped into "killing" form and scored five points in a row for the set and match.

Riggs Gives Voice To His Life's Ambition

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (UP—By Air Express).—If ambition means anything, Bobby Riggs deserves some sort of medal. All he wants to do is win the national singles tennis championship three times, then start working for a living.

Since 1914, Big Bill Tilden and Fred Perry were the only ones to win the title as many as three times. Ellsworth Vines and Don Budge were right fair tennis players, but they won it but twice. Of course they succumbed to the call of gold and turned professional—something young Riggs never, never intends to do.

Bobby, 21, and on his honeymoon, took time out from his practice on the Roney-Plaza courts to explain:

"I'm interested in only one thing. I want to win the American title three times. I got my first leg on that trophy last summer, and now I'm going to do my damndest to win another this year, and the third one in 1941. Then, maybe, I can win it a couple of more times, retire, and devote all my time to the advertising business."

"A TOUGH TIME"

SINCE Riggs married Catherine Ann Fischer of Chicago in early December, he has played in three southern tournaments, and been beaten in all of them. His cocksureness of the past is gone.

Bobby even admitted he might have a "tough time" in winning the national three years in a row. A year ago, he wouldn't have minded predicting a five-year conquest in singles, doubles and mixed play, with no qualifications.

Riggs had a ready answer, however, for his recent defeats by Don McNeill, Bryan Grant and Henry Prusoff.

THE DAVIS CUP

BOBBY believes America could win back the Davis Cup this year—if it was going to be in competition. "Last year at Philadelphia," he said, "we were the underdogs. Frankie Parker and I vowed to get the U.S. off to a flying start. We upset the dope by both winning our opening singles matches."

"Maybe that made us a little cocky, but we blew the series. We only needed to win one of the three remaining matches. Those opening defeats inspired the Australians, and then as if that wasn't enough, war was declared. The thought that maybe the Aussies were playing their last Davis Cup matches made them unbeatable. Against that kind of inspiration, there is nothing you can do but take it on the chin."

CHANGED VIEWS

LAST season Riggs would have discounted some of the younger stars with a snap of his fingers, but now he is figuring seriously on getting some stiff competition at Forest Hills this year from Don McNeill, Wally van Horn, Wayne Sabin and others.

"They may be improved, but I'll be better too," he said. "I'm on top now, and I'm going to stay up there."

Rugby Football

Further Seven-a-side Games This Afternoon On the Club Ground

(By "Fly-half")

IMPORTANT SEVEN'S ties are to be played off this afternoon on the Club ground, beginning at 4.30 p.m., and attendance at the match will mean support for the B.W.O.F.

ONLY ONE MATCH IN OPEN SINGLES

There was only one match in the Colony tennis championships played yesterday, J. L. C. Pearce beating Peter U in three sets, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3. In a poor game. Both players were guilty of over-hitting, and were both erratic and inaccurate.

The complete score were:

OPEN SINGLES

J.L.C. Pearce beat Peter U, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3.

OPEN DOUBLES

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould received walk-over from Wong Hoi-pang and Lee Chi-man.

HANDICAP SINGLES

G. W. Sewell (-4/0) beat A. T. Dow (-3/0) 6-1, 7-5.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. Armstrong (-15) beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (-15/2) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Free Drinks At Lincoln Race Meeting

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Lincoln Town Council want ideas for improving their race meeting, where the Lincolnshire Handicap will be run on April 3. There is one reservation. They must not cost a lot of money.

An extensive rebuilding scheme which had been planned had to be shelved on account of the war.

Free hot drinks to patrons, and the provision of braziers in the public stands if the weather is bad, are

among the suggestions now being considered.

The Council want to make Lincoln famous for its food, and special attention is being directed to the catering. The stands are to be decorated and the public room refurbished. Car parking arrangements have been revised to facilitate a quick get away.

AT 5.30 P.M., 5th A.A. "B", replacing the Doctors team, will be up against a strong combination in the 8th Heavy Regt. The 8th should win by a big score.

AT 5.50 P.M., the Powerful Club "A" seven meet the 5th A.A. "A", conquerors of the Royal Scots "B". Club should win this encounter with ease.

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ARMSTRONG WANTS "NO MORE" OF GARCIA

JES CORTES, Manila boxing promoter who offered Cofierino Garcia and Henry Armstrong \$80,000 to stage a return bout in Manila under his promotion, recently an answer from his representative in the States that Armstrong wants "no more" of Garcia.

The two fought to a draw recently and Cortes sought to get a return match for Manila.

The cable received by Cortes indicates that Armstrong believes Garcia is too big and powerful for him, and has no plans of attempting to lift the Filipino bolo puncher's world middleweight crown.

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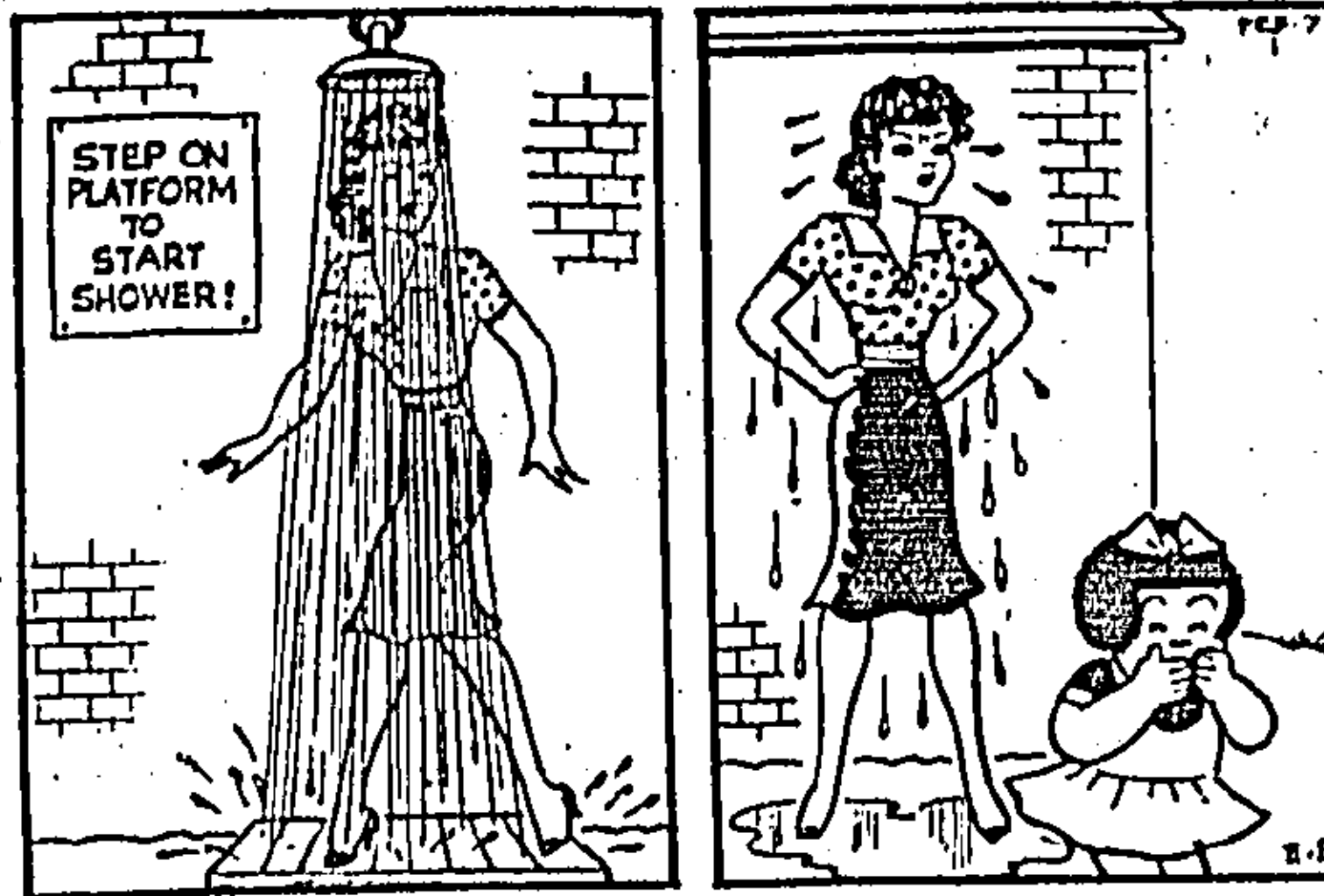
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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

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LABOUR CONSCRIPTION

SYDNEY.—Conscription of labour is absolutely out of the question, but I am sure that the Government will find many others are obtaining Labour's co-operation, continues to be neglected," said Mr. Stevens, former Premier of New South Wales.

R.A.F. CHAPLAIN

LONDON.—Rev. G. F. D. Smith, who was chaplain at Warwood, Berks, before the outbreak of the war, has been appointed to the post of Chaplain of the R.A.F. and will soon leave for his new post. He is of the same age as the Sydney diocese and from his duties as chaplain at Sydney Children's Court.

R.A.A.F. RECRUITS

In announcing that three schools have been established to train officers under the Empire Air Scheme, the Minister for Air (Mr. Fairbairn) stated that 1,100 recruits of this important trade group are in training, and by June the instructional facilities will be adequate to deal with over 2,000 men.

Schools in operation and the number of officers in attendance are as follows: No. 1 School of Technical Training (Melbourne) 700, No. 2 School of Technical Training (Canberra) 170, No. 3 School of Technical Training (Sydney) 110, No. 4 School of Technical Training (Adelaide) will open, and training courses commence at technical schools in suburban towns next month.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

MELBOURNE.—"No army in the world will have a better appointed medical service than the Australian," said Mr. Street, Minister for Defence, in a speech at the opening of the new Royal Melbourne Hospital, which is the largest and most modern of its kind in the world.

The hospital, which is the largest and most modern of its kind in the world, is the largest and most modern of its kind in the world. It is the largest and most modern of its kind in the world.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD

ARMIDALE.—The Armidale Municipal Council on Tuesday night upheld protests from several Armidale clergy and the local sub-branch of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' League against the Town Hall being rented for broadcast addresses by Judge Rutherford.

Early in the month, a man booked the hall for religious meetings. It was discovered later the hall had been booked for broadcast addresses by Judge Rutherford.

WOMAN'S SUICIDE

ADLAIDE.—The Adelaide City Coroner, Mr. A. S. Blackburn, yesterday found that the immediate cause of a woman's suicide was a note left her by a man, saying that he was going away with another woman.

The coroner found that Gladys Eva Spencer, 30, an English woman, died from gas poisoning, self-administered, on January 14.

OFFICER-ATHLETE

SYDNEY.—Lieutenant Colonel K. B. Fraser, of Brisbane, who is in camp with the A.I.F. Field Ambulance at Ineburn, surprised his men at the recent sports meeting by having in easy style won the 100 yards sprint for officers, and defeating all opponents in the throwing and wrestling events. He then ran a close second in the hurdles.

It was not until after the meeting that the Field Ambulance learned their Lieutenant Colonel was a champion athlete. Fraser, who is a member of the Australian Universities track championships of 1910 and 1920, won the 100 yards sprint in the broad jump and the 100 yards hurdles. He was also runner-up in the broad jump and the 100 yards hurdles.

Before he joined the A.I.F., Lieutenant Colonel Fraser was Dr. Fraser, of Woolloomooloo.

LIEUT. GEN. SQUIRES

MELBOURNE.—The Chief of the General Staff (Lieutenant-General Squires) underwent a serious operation in a private hospital in this city.

A.W.U. AND WAR

COOLANGATTA.—In a war policy statement at the A.W.U. Convention, the President (Mr. McNeill) said that Australia's duty was to defend Australia, that manly power was vitally needed here and he pointed out, however, that while he himself opposed this depletion of manpower, it was for a A.W.U. man to make their own decision and he would be betraying his trust if he interfered with the freedom of the Union in this regard. The Union policy was that of the Federal Labour Party.

NAVAL SLOOPS

MELBOURNE.—The Minister for Defence (Mr. Street) announced that work had begun on the building of four sloops in Australia for the Royal Australian Navy. The sloops, each of 700 tons, were being built by the Melbourne Harbour Trust at Williamstown, at Melbourne Dock and Cockatay Island, Sydney, and at Maryborough, Queensland.

Mr. Street said the sloops would be employed in local defence duties, including coastal patrol, mine sweeping and anti-submarine services. They were designed as modified versions of the Yarra and Swan, and would be used for training and war-time patrol. The estimated cost would be \$1,000,000, of which \$500,000 was being provided this financial year. It was expected the sloops would be ready for service within a year.



WITH THE DIGGERS.—Mr. William Morris Hughes, Australian war-time Prime Minister, and now Federal-Attorney General, posed with members of the "Old Brigade," who have declared themselves ready, willing and able to fight for their country again.

BUSH FIRES RAGE

SYDNEY.—Bushfires, which swept through the Yass district on Sunday and burnt out thousands of acres, destroyed thousands of pounds worth of fencing and killed many sheep.

Nurse Martin, of Brooklyn, travelled six miles through burning timber to attend a woman in childbirth at a country homestead. The child was born in an atmosphere of stifling heat and smoke in the homestead, which was surrounded by flames. The mother and infant were later taken to hospital through the still smoldering acreage.

In the Yass district, on the South Coast, and near Lithgow, men are on duty to give instant warning if fires again become dangerous. It is hoped, however, that fires are still burning fiercely in the Illawarra range. A fire to-night near the Illawarra range, which was surrounded by flames, destroyed the Panorama Hotel at the top of the Illawarra Pass, but has been held back by wind.

A.W.U. FOUNDER

MOREE.—Thomas David, aged 69, one of the founders of the Moree branch of the A.W.U., was found dead in his hut near Moree, Decided, who was nude, apparently fell from his bed after collapsing from the heat.

It is said he was related to the Royal Family of Ceylon, being a native of that island and a resident of Moree for over 50 years.

JENOLAN TRAGEDY

SYDNEY.—The body of Ursula Pauline Dermody, 33, was found at the foot of the Grand Arch at Jenolan Caves at 2 p.m.—It is believed she fell 320 feet from the grass above the Devil's Coach House. She was reported missing by a member of the domestic staff at the Caves House for a month. She spoke to another member of the staff at 7.30 p.m. and later she was reported missing. A search party was organized and the body was found in the bed of a dry creek at the head of Blue Lake.

BITTEN BY SHARK

BRISBANE.—Police learnt to-day that a 17-year-old youth living at Woolloombabai, was bitten by a shark but was not seriously injured, when he dived into the Brisbane River near Dutton Park Baths yesterday. He was rescued by the ambulance by a small shark, which relaxed its hold and made off.

FIRE AT A CAMP

MELBOURNE.—A fire destroyed a 20-room mansion used as headquarters at Broadmeadows Military Camp. The outbreak occurred soon after the workmen had left for lunch. A bucket brigade attempted to save the building, but it was destroyed within 20 minutes. The cause of the fire is unknown.

TOTE RECORD

ROCKHAMPTON.—What is probably a world's record was established at Colong, near Park, when four dividends were paid on the daily double, as a result of dead-heat being declared in each of the events on which the double was conducted.

In the Encouragement Handicap, Lithgow and Laurel Brown ran a dead-heat, and in the Foundation Handicap, Beau Cello and Golden Grain. At the previous meeting Beau Cello dead-heat in the Second Division with Hol Den.

1000 GUINEAS REFUSED

SYDNEY.—At Inglis and Co.'s bloodstock sales, Mr. Alan Cooper refused 100 guineas for a Pacific bay colt by Mariner.

DONCASTER AND HANDICAP

Sydney bookmakers issued charts on the Doncaster Handicap-Sydney Cup double without waiting for the weights to be issued. Weights were issued on March 11, which is less than a fortnight before the running of the Doncaster, on Saturday March 23. The market is wide, with prices ranging up to 1000 to 1. Ajax shares Doncaster favouritism with three others. He is on the second line for the Cup, for which six horses share favouritism.

BOY OF THIRTEEN LEADS GANG RAIDS

LONDON.—Described as "the most cunning and successful liar I have ever met," the police officer giving evidence against him, a 13-year-old boy of Tipston, Staffordshire, was convicted of 13 thefts and sent to an approved school together with his companions. The lad used to venture out at night while his family were asleep, without waking his parents resorted to an ingenious device.

From his bedroom window to the letterbox on the front door the boy ran a piece of thread, at the bedroom end was attached a spoon and when he pulled the thread from the door the spoon rattled on the window whereupon his older brother would come down and let him in.

AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS

MELBOURNE.—The Davis Cup captain and manager, Harry Hopman, has announced his rankings for 1939-40: Bromwich and Quist share No. 1 position, then comes

Crawford, McGrath, Hopman, Max Newcombe (South Australia), Billy Sidwell, D. Pails, J. Harper, D. Turnbull

The official list of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association will be compiled at the end of the month.

THE DAVIS CUP

NEW YORK.—The United States will not challenge in the Davis Cup tennis tournament which is to begin to-night. When the time limit expired to-night, no challenges were received for the Davis Cup, and Australia will hold the Cup until January 1941, when challenges may again be made. None is expected during the war.

Stalin Viewed Playing Decisive Game

NEW YORK, (UP).—Alexander Kerensky, former Socialist premier of Russia, believes the Soviet invasion of Finland is the first step in a Communist campaign for domination of Eastern Europe.

"Josef Stalin is playing a decisive game this time," he said in an interview. "He has all his chips on the table. The chances of the Popular Front and socialism are abandoned. He must now go on until the debacle ends."

Stalin's co-operation with Germany, Kerensky asserted, "is much more profound than American public opinion yet imagines. But Berlin, not Moscow, rules the roost. Stalin cannot accept a fight with the German army. But he can annihilate & defeatless people with the protection of German military might."

The one-time Menshevik (Moderate Socialist) ruler of the first Russian Republic found a "special significance" in the method in which Stalin issued his recent warning to Rumania.

Wider Field Stressed

"The threat to Rumania was published in the Communist International rather than Pravda," he said. "Stalin thus wished to emphasize he now acts as leader of the international Communist movement, more than as head of the Soviet government."

"The essential aim of Stalin for the last 10 years, despite his seeming withdrawal from European affairs, was the preparation and provocation of a general European war," Kerensky asserted.

"As early as 1929, Stalin told the Central Committee in Moscow that a new configuration of the world was inevitable, and Communism must prepare to exploit it and profit by it. But direct or diplomatic intervention was not part of the scheme."

"Stalin understood that during peacetime, the tendency to overthrow the government in democratic countries is almost non-existent. The Popular Front became the instrument to prepare the scene for general war. The policy was carried out all over the world—in China by aiding the Kuomintang, in Latin America through the labour movement and the Mexican Revolution, and in the western democracies through the Popular Front participation in government."

Reviews Trotsky's Case

Kerensky minimized the difference in basic political philosophy between Stalin and Leon Trotsky, who once joined in common cause against him as his revolutionary enemies.

"The difference between Trotskyism and Stalinism is the difference between old-fashioned and modern Leninism. Stalin appeared to abandon the cause of world revolution for a time, but it was merely tactical. He found the trap of the Popular Front more effective to catch the democracies unaware."

Kerensky, now 54, lives here in a comfortable Fifth Avenue apartment with his Australian-born wife. Since his first visit to the United States in 1927, he has mastered English. His entire time, he says, is devoted to

Case of the Chivalrous Husband

Wife Believed Him: Magistrate Said, Take Care

NEWLY-MARRIED Norman Baguley (30), a clerk, of Marlborough Crescent, Chiswick, explained to Acton magistrates why he followed a young shorthand-typist home in the blackout.

His young bride, who listened, told the magistrates she believed his story "as it was in keeping with his unusually chivalrous character."

She could not believe he was personally interested in the girl at all, she said.

Baguley faced a charge of intending assault on 14-year-old Barbara Levy, of St. Albans Avenue, Bedford Park, whom he followed part of her way home at night. She called the first policeman she saw, becoming suspicious.

"Chastly Mistake"

In court she agreed that Baguley made no attempt to get into conversation when they both emerged from Turnham Green Station, but simply started to follow, and in the dark she grew frightened and screamed.

Pleading not guilty, Baguley said it was all a ghastly mistake. He was following the girl from the best of motives—chivalry.

He simply wanted to see that she got home safely as his suspicions had been aroused when he saw an unpleasant-looking man at the station showing marked interest in her and who followed her out.

He Felt Protective

Being himself newly married, he explained, he felt "protective" towards all girls and wanted to see that no harm came to Miss Levy. "I would thank any man who acted as I did, if this young girl had been my wife," he added.

His wife successfully pleaded with Dr. J. S. Crone, chairman, to accept his story. "All the time I have known him he has shown a strong sense of chivalry, is a thoroughly clean-living man, and I am sure had no improper motives," she said.

Dismissing the case, Dr. Crone said: "We have taken into account your young wife's knowledge of you, but you must take care not to be so chivalrous in future. It can so easily be misinterpreted."

REWARD FOR CASTLE KEEPER

LONDON.—King George VI has presented a house in the private grounds of Windsor Castle to Mrs. Rawlings, his housekeeper at the Castle, on her retirement after 30 years' service with the royal family.

This honour has not been accorded to a royal servant, since Queen Victoria's day.

Mrs. Rawlings first came to Windsor as housekeeper when Queen Mary began making the large Castle more home-like. She watched King George and his brothers and sisters grow from childhood and was a frequent visitor to the nursery in their young days.

During her 30-year "reign," Mrs. Rawlings has been responsible for the carrying out of all decorative schemes undertaken in the Castle, including those of Queen Elizabeth arranged when she became mistress of Windsor. The last job Mrs. Rawlings had to undertake was the blacking out of the entire castle.

Looks Into Future

"It is foolish to speak of the reconstruction of Europe, as Chamberlain and Halifax have done in their recent statements, without including 160,000,000 Russian people. Peace will never return to Europe until Russia is once more in the ranks of the democratic republics."

Kerensky supports his current predictions by pointing to a newspaper interview published in 1927: "Communism and Fascism," the interview quoted him as saying, "are the antithesis of democracy, and differ only in colour and degree. Their opposition to the idea of democracy united them. Both movements are reactionary in substance because both are against individual freedom."

"That was in 1927," Kerensky added, "long before the advent of Hitler and his pact with Moscow. In 1927, they said I was crazy."

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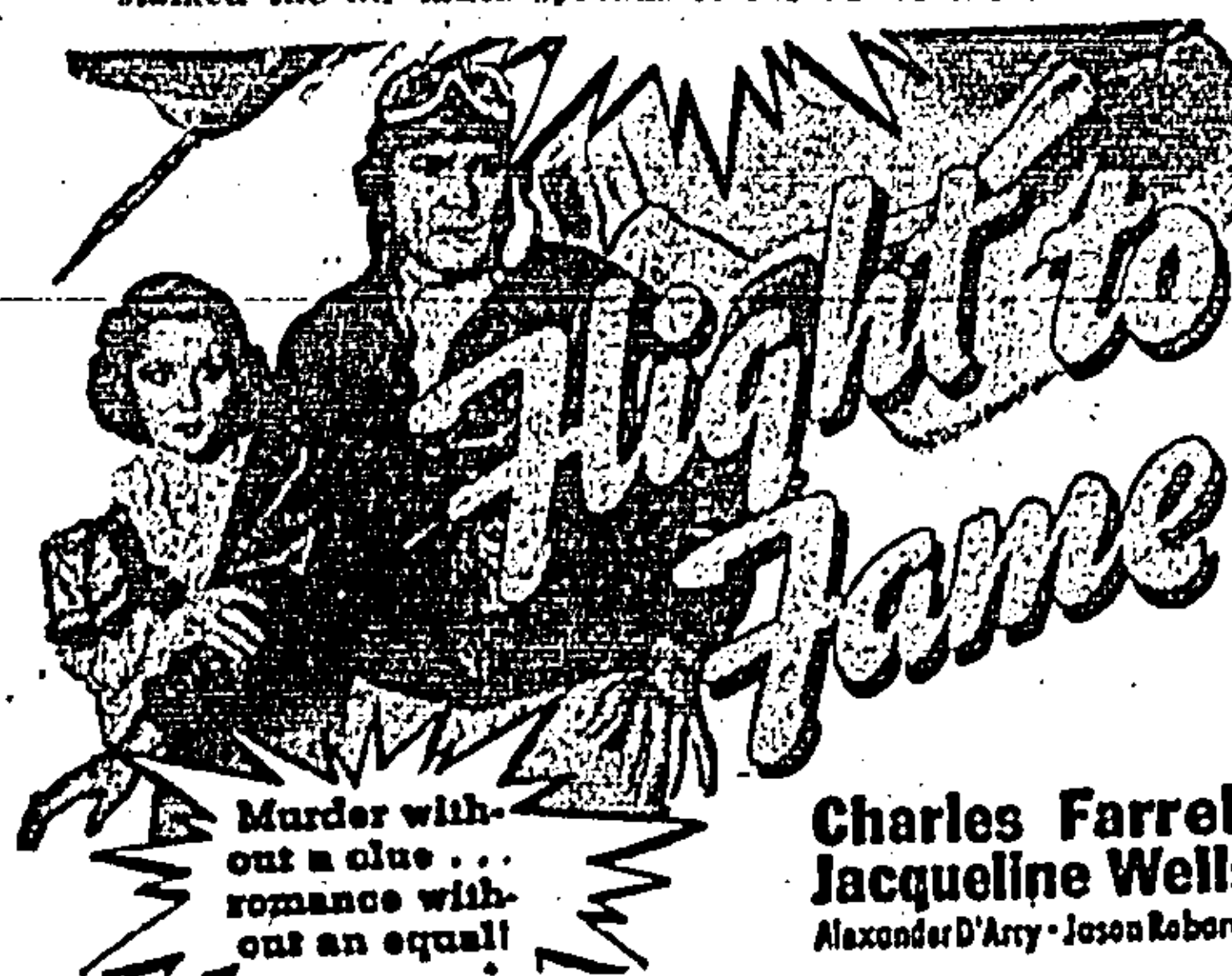
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BELGIUM HONOURS RANKER

BRUSSELS. TRAFFIC stood still when Liege did honour to Aircraftman Harris, who died jumping from a blazing plane.

I stood outside St. Laurent, Liege's military hospital. It was very cold. The streets had inches of frozen snow upon them, writes a correspondent.

But every patient and nurse whose health or duty permitted had come out into the courtyard. The military governor was there and several generals.

Parents' Wreath The member of Parliament, the cock-hatted British consul, aldermen, wearing their badges of office, all the notables, town and country, were there.

They made way for the two survivors of the crash, Flying Officer Kempstone and Sergeant Smith, who was leaning on the arm of a young Belgian orderly.

A Belgian officer called an order. The guard of honour, seventy strong, presented arms.

The coffin, covered by a Union Jack, was borne out on the shoulders of four young soldiers. Two-by-two the others passed, carrying the principal wreaths between them, one, ordered but never seen by Harris's parents, from Manchester.

The procession went slowly through the streets. A detachment from the Belgian Air Force joined it. France's Air Attache too.

Lawn Of Honour We crossed the guarded, mined and barricaded bridge over the Meuse and climbed the cobbled hill to the cemetery of Robermont, in the heart of which lies the "Lawn of Honour."

There are graves of men who fought in the last war, near Liege, or died as prisoners there during the German occupation.

A young Protestant pastor, a Belgian chaplain, read a few simple words from the Bible, and said rather hesitantly in English, the Lord's Prayer.

An English officer gave the lowered coffin its last salute.

JAPANESE BUDGET

Provision To Increase Coal Production

Heavier Load

Tokyo, Mar. 12. The second supplementary appropriations for the fiscal year 1941 estimated at ¥500,000,000 will be discussed at Thursday's Cabinet meeting.

The funds will be devoted to emergency relief measures for damage done in last year's floods, increase in production of coal and in granting awards in connection with the China affair.

The earlier appropriation bills submitted by the Cabinet at the present Diet session were originally drawn up by the Abe Cabinet and therefore this is the first budget compiled by the Yonai Government.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (UP).—The peace treaty was signed on behalf of the U.S.S.R. by M. Molotov, the Foreign Commissar, M. Zhdanov, First Secretary of the Leningrad Headquarters, and Brigade Commander Vasilevski. All four Finnish plenipotentiaries signed on behalf of Finland. Their signatures must be ratified by the Finnish Diet.

Unity's Sister Works In Pub



Unity Freeman-Mitford, Miller's Nordic "rodress," has a sister in Miami, Florida. She is Jessica, also a daughter of Lord Redesdale, frowned on because she married Edmund Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill, for a Loyalist Spain. Here Mrs. Romilly works in a Miami pub.

Bombers' Range Doubled

By WILLIAM COURTENAY

A NEW device for refuelling in the air, which I have just inspected at a South of England aerodrome, will, I believe, extend the range of night bombers from 2,000 to 4,000 miles.

The importance of this is obvious. Bombers would be able to fly to targets in Germany by circuitous routes and approach them from unsuspected quarters.

They would be able to stand and fight, and still have plenty of fuel for a long flight at full throttle.

The twin-engined night bomber is a big machine. Its normal range of 2,000 miles is considerably reduced if the engines are opened out to full power to avoid anti-aircraft fire or enemy fighters.

By refuelling in the air they would be able to take off lightly loaded and receive up to an additional 1,000 gallons of petrol from tankers flying above them.

The mechanism has been so cleverly devised that it is impossible for the aircraft to collide, and the operation can be carried out in wet or bumpy weather without difficulty.

In the case of the Atlantic flying boats, it has been possible for a four-engined boat which normally loads to 40,000lb. to carry 53,000lb. when refueled from the air.

They could never have taken off the water with this load.

HITLER'S 12 RULES FOR PRISONERS

HERE, published for the first time, is a list of rules of a Nazi concentration camp. They were brought out of Germany by a prisoner who escaped from the Esterweg camp.

1. Every new arrival will have his head completely shaved;
2. Prisoners must stand to attention when an S.S. man (Nazi black guard) speaks to them;
3. Whoever tries to open a window, to throw stones over the camp wall, or to leave barracks, will be shot;
4. Any one who groans or protests while at work or on the march, or who neglects to salute his superiors, will be considered to have taken part in a mutiny;
5. Whoever takes off his coat when on fatigue duty, or refuses to work or pretends to be ill or shows signs of laziness, will be dealt with as an incurable;
6. When the sirens go prisoners must go back to their quarters at the double, and shut doors and windows. Any one disobeying will be shot;
7. When a superior officer visits their gallery the leader of a file of prisoners must draw the attention of the other prisoners by giving a shout: "Attention!"
8. Any one found guilty of pretending to be ill will be sentenced to hard labour;
9. Any one who writes in a letter views about the Nazi State or about his warders will be considered beyond cure and liable to disciplinary action;
10. Before S.S. chiefs, from the group commander upwards, prisoners will turn "eyes right" and lift their caps off their heads;
11. Whoever leaves the place where he is supposed to be without permission, or puts on civilian clothing, will be held guilty of an attempt to escape;
12. Whoever goes without authority into what is called the neutral zone round the camp will be shot.

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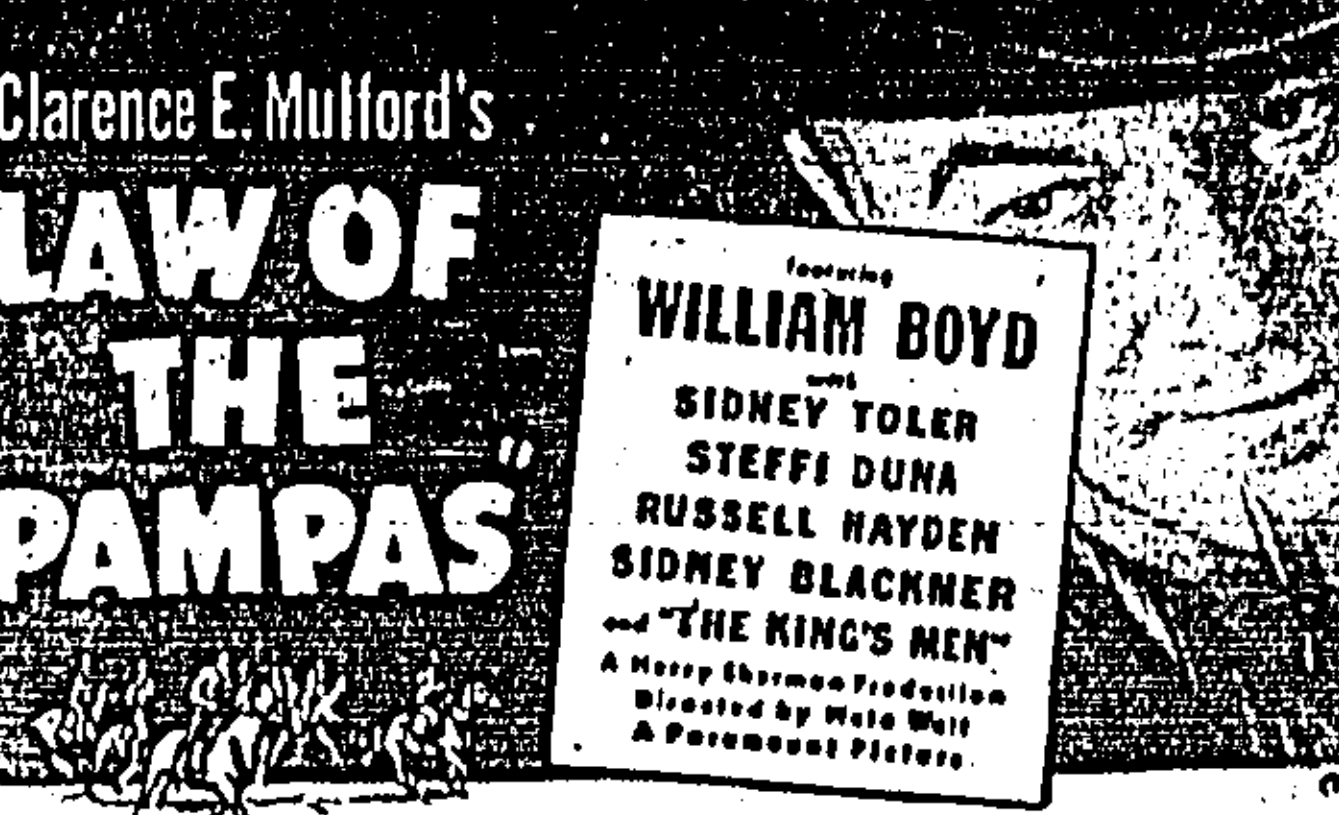
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Fighting to Cease at 6 p.m. H.K.T. To-day: Finland will Cede Viborg And Whole of Karelian Isthmus: Russians Gain Hangoe As Base

MANNERHEIM LINE MAY BE SURRENDERED TO SOVIET

Hongkong To Become Contraband Station?

Vladivostok Blockade Envisaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, announced the establishment of a contraband control base in the Far East is under consideration for the purpose of blocking American exports to Russia via Vladivostok which could reach Germany.

Reported Seizures

TOKYO, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The reported seizure of contraband goods on the Sea of Japan has engaged the attention of the House of Representatives.

Asked whether Japanese ferry boats plying between Fusan, Korea and Shimonoseki had been stopped by British warships and boarded, Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, replied that he had received no information of such an occurrence.

Answering another question about the detention in Hongkong of the remaining 12 Germans removed from the Asama Maru by a boarding party from a British man-of-war near Tokyo Bay on January 21, the Foreign Minister said that the Government was still negotiating with the British Government for their return.

The present was not an opportune time to give out any report on the progress of negotiations, he added.

Seizure Of Mails

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Domei).—The Japanese Embassy to-day handed a note to the French Foreign Office asking a representation with the French Government regarding the seizure of mails aboard the O.S.K. liner Bangkok Maru by French naval authorities at Haiphong.

Japanese Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 12 (UP).—Replying to an interpellation in the Lower House to-day the Japanese Foreign Minister said that Japan would take "adequate measures" in accordance with International Law should the British attempt to interfere with traffic across the Sea of Japan.

An independent member had asked if the Japanese Government had considered steps to meet the reported British scheme to halt the transportation of contraband to Germany through Soviet ports facing the Sea of Japan.

The Foreign Minister said that the Japanese Government was continuing negotiations with Britain for the surrender of the remaining twelve Germans removed from the Asama Maru who are interned in Hongkong.

QUITO, Ecuador, Mar. 12 (UP).—Infantile paralysis in the interior provinces is reported to be reaching alarming proportions.

MOSCOW, MAR. 13 (UP).—THE WAR IN FINLAND IS OVER. A SOVIET-FINNISH PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED EARLY THIS MORNING, THE TERMS STIPULATING THAT HOSTILITIES WILL CEASE AT NOON TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY). (6 P.M. H.K.T.).

SOVIET TROOPS ARE TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW BORDER BY 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PEACE TERMS INCLUDE THE CESSION OF THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS AND THE CITY OF VIBORG TO RUSSIA AND THE LEASE OF HANGOE AS A NAVAL BASE FOR 30 YEARS.

CESSION OF VIBORG AND THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS APPARENTLY MEANS THAT FINLAND WILL LOSE THE MANNERHEIM LINE AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE LAKE LADOGA AREA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PETSAMO IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE TERMS. THE AGREEMENT MUST BE RATIFIED BY BOTH THE SOVIET AND FINNISH DIETS.

Fighting Slackens

According to a report from Helsingfors, fighting is slackening on the Finnish fronts, but yesterday it was impossible to confirm that it had ceased entirely.

Yesterday the Oslo paper "Dagbladet" learned from Stockholm that peace between Finland and Russia is assured.

In consequence of the report the Stockholm stock exchange registered a violent rise, prices advancing on an average of six crowns.

It is believed that the Russian terms are very severe.

REPORT CONFIRMED

An earlier London message also said that according to unimpeachable sources the Finnish delegation at Moscow had reached full accord with Russia. The agreement is awaiting signature.

The official D.N.B., news agency of Germany also announces an official Moscow report that the Finns and Russians have concluded a peace treaty.

Meanwhile, says a Paris report, M. Daladier yesterday revealed to the Chamber of Deputies that 50,000 French troops are being held in readiness to proceed to Finland from an unnamed Channel port.

THREE MAIN POINTS

BERLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Conclusion of the Russo-Finnish peace treaty was announced in a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency.

The despatch says that the most important points in the treaty are

- 1.—Immediate discontinuance of all military operations on both sides;
- 2.—Cession of the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg, to the Soviet;
- 3.—A military base on the peninsula of Hangoe to be ceded to the Soviet.

Details Awaited

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—Following the authoritative report that Finland and Russia have reached an agreement, information is now awaited, concerning any armistice.

Barring a last minute hitch, it is believed the agreement will be signed by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Finland's Premier, Kyosti Ryti, either late to-day or early to-morrow, but

the agreement will require the ratification of both governments.

"Exchange Telegraph" at Stockholm said the agreement is expected to be signed in Moscow on Wednesday when the terms will be published and hostilities will cease.

Other quarters understand there is a possibility that the agreement will be signed to-night.

Effect On The Major War

The prospect of peace between the Soviet and Finland has led diplomats to say that the

THIS MIGHT BE A COMFORT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—If peace should come on terms which the Finns themselves believe would permit their survival as an independent nation, the little European States are not likely to overlook two items.

The first is that the full might of Russia for more than three months was unable to crush the resistance of the Finnish armies.

The second is that the Kremlin concluded the war by coming to terms with the very Government which it had boastfully described as non-existent.

AIR RAIDS EXPECTED

Local Authorities Warned In Britain

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health has sent a circular to local authorities in which he says that the danger of air attacks must be regarded as more serious during the usual school holidays at Easter than was the case last Christmas.

Local authorities are told by the Board of Education that it is inadvisable for children to go to evacuated areas for the holidays. The Board suggests, therefore, that teachers should take their holiday in rotation.

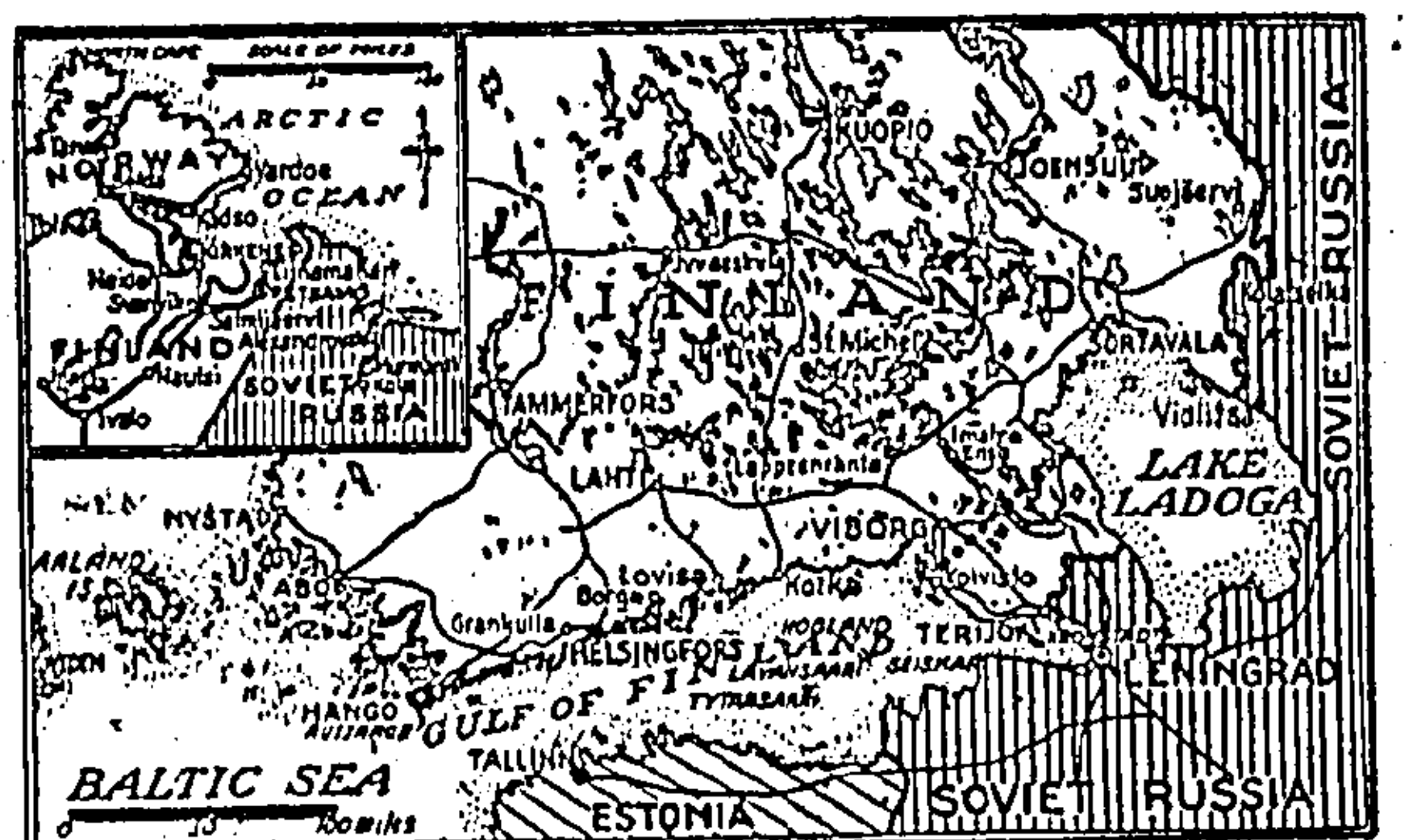
WESTERN FRONT

Artillery In Action

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day says that there was local artillery action.

German Communiqué.

BERLIN, Mar. 12 (UP).—To-day's High Command communiqué says "No unusual happenings on the West Front. Our air forces made reconnaissance flights over eastern France. A French plane, type Totez-G3, was shot by German anti-aircraft guns."



THIS MAP INDICATES THE AREAS TO BE CEDED. Hangoe is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland and the Karelian Isthmus area which Russia gains is shown by the dotted lines.

Peace Terms Cause Serious Cabinet Split

Three Finnish Ministers Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A SERIOUS SPLIT HAS BECOME EVIDENT IN THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE FINNISH DELEGATION OF RUSSIA'S TERMS FOR PEACE.

The delegation, which is reported to have signed the extraordinarily harsh terms imposed by the Soviet, is headed by the Prime Minister, Dr. Ryti. The Finnish plenipotentiaries are now returning to Helsingfors, via Sweden.

Bombshell Announcement

The Finnish Government exploded a bomb shell when, four hours after it was announced that the Finnish Premier had signed an agreement in Moscow, it issued a communiqué, denying any knowledge of reports that peace had been signed.

The communiqué emphasised that the Finnish Diet alone was competent to decide whether Russia's terms should be accepted.

A "Reuter" message quotes Helsingfors-Radio as defiantly announcing that the Finnish Army will continue to defend the independence of Finland to the end.

Army To Stand Firm

"Our Army will stand as firm as a rock," the announcement said.

"Every soldier is prepared to defend the country to his last drop of blood."

A further "Reuter" message reported that the Finnish Parliament had been called to discuss the Russian terms. Parliament was still sitting in secret session at 11.30 p.m. (6.30 a.m. H.K.T.).

In the meantime, it appears that the Finnish Government is facing a crisis.

Three Resignations

A "Domei" message from Copenhagen reports that the Finnish Foreign Minister, M. Tanner, has tendered his resignation as a result of the decision of his Premier to accept the Russian terms.

This announcement was quickly followed by a "Reuter" message from Paris, which states that the Finnish Ministers for War and Education have also resigned in protest at Dr. Ryti's action.

Dr. Ryti and the members of the peace mission are already en route to Helsingfors, via Stockholm, with the peace treaty which they have signed on behalf of Finland.

It now remains to be seen whether the Finnish Parliament will ratify the agreement.

Harsh Soviet Terms

The Russian terms are even more

Allied Troops For Finland

Daladier Says France Has Big Body Ready

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—M. Daladier, the French Premier, in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, said that ships were waiting to take a body of French troops to aid Finland.

The troops had been ready since February 26.

The British Government had taken similar measures. The strength of this expeditionary force was 50,000 men.

Send Bombers

France had sent a number of ultra-modern bombers a few days ago. These must have already arrived in Finland.

The French and British Governments are now in agreement.

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LATEST VIBORG FALLS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, MAR. 13 (UP).—MOSCOW-RADIO REPORTS THAT THE RED ARMY IS NOW IN COMPLETE POSSESSION OF VIBORG, WHICH THEY ENTERED YESTERDAY. FURTHER DETAILS ARE LACKING.

Although peace terms are reported to have been agreed upon, heavy fighting still continues.

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Mercantile, A. & B. 1,033 n.
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East Asia 1,033 n.

INSURANCES
Canton 232 1/2 s.
Union 407 1/2 s.
China Underwriters 101 n.
H.K. Fire 101 n.

SHIPPING
Douglases 120 b.
Steamships 100 n.
Indo-China P.S. 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) 78 1/2 n.
Waterboats 7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves 103 b.
Docks 23 n.
Providents 515 n.
Sh. Docks 383 n.

Mining
Kailan s/- 18/9 n.
Raub's 10 n.
Venz Gold 4 n.
H.K. Mines 4 n.

LANDS
Hotels 514 s.
Lands 37 b. & s.
Lands 4% Debentures 100 n.
Shal Lands Sh. 1520 n.
Humphreys 73 n.
H.K. Realities 5 n.
Chinese Estates 105 n.

UTILITIES
Trams 1815 b.
Peak Trams (old) 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) 8 n.
Star Ferries 27 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries 833 n.
China Lights (old) 555 n.
H.K. Electric 555 n.
Macao Electric 22 n.
Sandakan Electric 20 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) 11 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) 11 1/2 n.
Tractions (C.D.) 23/9 n.
Tractions (Pref.) 23/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. 14.90 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. 12 n.
Canton Iron 14.90 n.
Cements 5.80 n.
H.K. Ropes 5.80 n.

STORES &c.
Dairy Farms (old) 22 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (new) 22 n.
Watsons 94 b.
Lane, Crawford 120 n.
Sinceres 120 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 41 n.
Powell, Ltd. 41 n.

COTTON MILLS
Envo Sh. 43 1/2 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. 170 n.
Zong Sing Sh. 65 n.
Wing On Textile Sh. 48 1/2 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments 7.40 n.
Constructions (old) 14 n.
Constructions (new) 14 n.
Vibro Piling 84 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 51 1/2 n.
G. Bonds 100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 14/0 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) 14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) 14/0 n.

THREE FINNISH MINISTERS RESIGN

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hence than those they attempted to enforce before the war.

Finland will lose the entire Karelian Isthmus area, which includes the city of Viipuri (second largest Finnish city) and the entire Lake Ladoga area.

In addition, the Mannerheim Line will be in Soviet territory.

A late "Dome" message said that Russia will also gain the entire Pechora area, thus having a common frontier with Norway and blocking Finland from the Arctic.

Hangoo peninsula will be leased to Russia for 30 years.

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 19th March, 1940, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Fish, Cheese, Butter, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessaries, for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

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G. V. HOBBS,
Surgeon Captain,
Medical Officer in Charge,
Royal Naval Hospital,
Hong Kong.
13th March, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1940.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

POPE'S CELEBRATION

Vatican City, Mar. 12.

The Pope celebrated the first anniversary of his Coronation as Pontiff with a special Pontifical Mass in St. Peter's this morning.

The service was conducted by the Dean of the College of Cardinals and nearly 50,000 people attended.

Reuter Bulletin.

Soldiers Go To Court About Rents

Judge Tells Veteran: Don't Worry, I'll Look After the Family

TWO soldiers went to court in England recently to tell the judges of the plight of their wives and families through rent arrears.

At Brentford County Court Judge Druequer said to Private William Stubbs: "Don't you worry. While you are abroad I'll look after them."

At Clerkenwell Private Reid protested, "Is this the way they look after the dependants of a serving soldier," when an order was made against his wife.

Stubbs told the judge: "I am an old soldier, aged 51, and when I volunteered in September 1 I did think my family would have to suffer."

He added that since the judge had suspended the possession order as long as he paid 15s. rent, the Army had granted him 21s. a week rent allowance. He asked for a stay of execution, and the judge allowed him another two months' grace.

Earned £9 A Week
Before the war Stubbs earned £9 a week with his stall at Dixton market, and owed not a penny.

"I have had 20 years of Army service," he said at his home in Fetham Road, Ashford, "and sacrificed a lot when I joined up again. But how can an old soldier keep away?"

Reid's wife, who lives in Archway Road, Highgate, said she had been unable to pay the rent since her husband was called up.

She had three children and her allowance was £2 3s. a week. The rent was £1 and the arrears £15.

After the husband had given evidence Judge Earengay commented: "The fact that you are on war service does not justify you in refusing to pay rent. Landlords have been badly hit."

"Tried To Do Justice"
Reid would adjourn the case generally on the understanding that Mrs. Reid should pay 15s. a week until she got a hardship allowance, permitting her to pay the full rent and something off arrears, the first 15s. to be paid immediately.

Private Reid, who has nothing but the bounty I got when I came on leave, I got that for my own use for fighting in France. Why should I give it to him? The allowance my wife gets is not for him but to feed my children.

The judge: I hope when you think over the whole matter you will feel that the Court has tried to do justice to a serving soldier.

Pawned Wedding Ring
Mrs. Reid told a reporter after leaving the court: "I do not know how on earth I am going to pay the 15s. out of my present allowance. Two of my three children are twins, nine months old, and require special food which costs 10s. a week."

"This is how I have had to live since my husband went to fight," she added, producing a bundle of pawn-tickets for jewellery, including a wedding ring.

Plead Ignorance
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Finnish Legation here informed "Reuter" at 7.15 p.m.: "We have so far no information that the Soviet terms have been accepted by the Finns or that the negotiations have been concluded."

History Of Peace Talks
LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Discussing the peace talks between Moscow and Rome, a diplomatic observer of the BBC said yesterday that diplomatic activity in Europe since the week-end had become clearer.

The main points about the Moscow talks, in particular, can now be traced. The initiative came from Russia which on February 22, through the Russian Ambassador to London, asked the British Government to pass on an offer for peace in return for a ceding concession.

The British Government was not prepared even to pass on such terms. Moscow then approached Sweden which passed on the Russian terms although the Swedish Foreign Minister has been at pains to point out that in this matter Sweden acted as a postman rather than as a mediator.

Little Known Of Talks
Presumably discussion followed through a third party and, to Moscow's invitation, a strong Finnish delegation was sent to Russia to discuss terms.

It is known about these talks despite over-optimistic reports from Stockholm.

In arriving at this decision the Finnish Government knows that the Allies are ready to send effective assistance.

Until a decision is taken little more remains to be said.

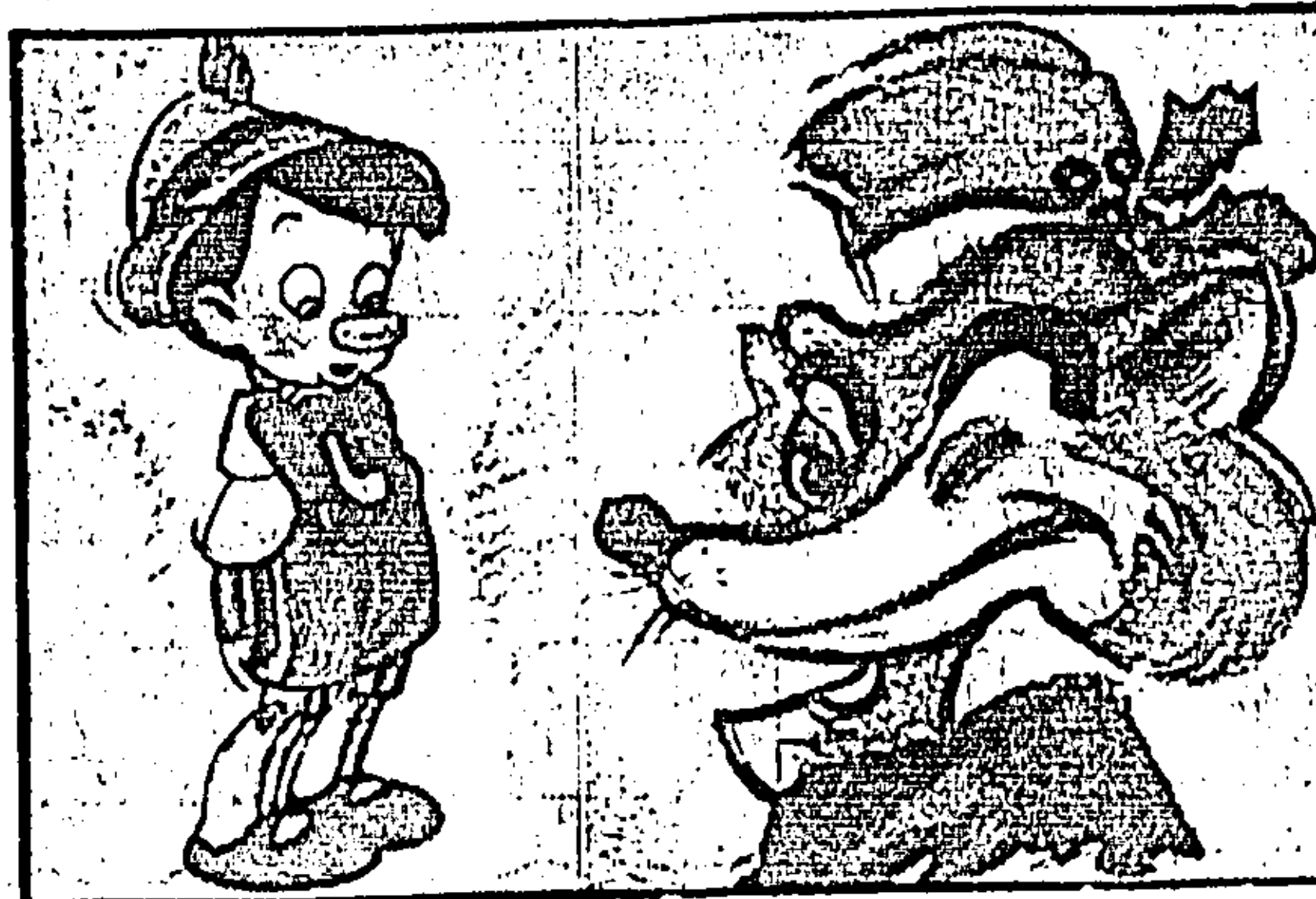
Whatever part Germany has played, her hand has been very well concealed.

Mannheim the visit of the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, must, it seems, have been designed for bigger purposes than at first supposed.

No doubt he was trying to interest Italy in Germany's plans for Finland but that must be a matter for conjecture.

Nazis Lecture Welles
Some observers believe that the Nazis have had second thoughts about Mr. Sumner Welles.

It is suggested that they thought better of the cavalier way in which they lectured him in Berlin. Now they want to get the Italians to put another word in for them when Mr.



PEACE IN FINLAND

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here to speculate on the prospects of mediation in Europe's major war.

Increased importance has been attached to the Welles Mission, and neutral quarters have expressed the view that the Finnish peace may encourage President Roosevelt to suggest mediation in the Allied-German conflict in which a stalemate is expected to continue because the Finnish peace will enormously reduce the possibility of creating a new battlefield in Scandinavia.

Other repercussions expected include a further cementing of the Soviet-German partnership because Russia will be able now to give more economic help.

Fate Of Petsamo In Balance
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Russians are ready to make concessions concerning Petsamo according to information from a usually well-informed source here.

To Meet Stalin & Molotov
LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—According to a Stockholm report given by the Paris radio, the Finnish delegation will meet Mr. Stalin and Mr. Molotov to-night.

France's 50,000 Men
PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—It is understood that the 50,000 men mentioned by M. Daladier in his statement in the Chamber to-day referred only to the French contingent of the Allied Expeditionary Force for Finland.

Wreckage Of Lost Air Liner Found
TOKYO, Mar. 13 (UP).—Wreckage of a Japanese air-liner which has been missing for five days has been sighted at the foot of Mt. Shikho, nine miles north-east of Taihoku, after an intensive search.

The wreckage was sighted at 10 a.m. by another plane.

Little hope is held out that there are any survivors.

Summer Welles passes through Rome on his way home.

The insistence with which the Italian press and radio have asserted that Italy's attitude will not be changed by Ribbentrop's pressure suggests that he is after more Italian help.

"The paper Telegraph," which is in close touch with Count Ciano, emphasizes for instance that Mussolini will not be influenced.

When he thinks it necessary to change Italy's policy he will change it according to his own judgment.

Another Failure
Whatever Ribbentrop went to Rome for, says the BBC observer, it is now apparent that he must once again travel back to Berlin to register another failure.

Nor did his interview with the Pope give him much satisfaction.

The Nazis no doubt thought it would be a feather in their caps to report that their Foreign Minister had a friendly interview with the Pope.

That probably is why the Vatican has explained that Ribbentrop was received only because of an official German request.

Why He Went To Berlin
LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Reports from Berlin may shed a little light on why M. Svin Hufud, former Finnish President, went to Berlin.

It is thought that he went to try to persuade the German Government to intervene if the Moscow talks failed.

Whatever the purpose of his stay he has now left for Italy.

Yesterday his train passed one going the other way which was conveying the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, back from Rome.

Treaty Signed
MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (UP).—The peace treaty was signed on behalf of the U.S.S.R. by M. Molotov, the Foreign Commissar, M. Zhdanov, First Secretary of the Leningrad Headquarters, and Brigadier Commander Vainavskiy. All four Finnish plenipotentiaries signed on behalf of Finland. Their signatures must be ratified by the Finnish Diet.

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Thursday, Mar. 14.
Straits 8 a.m.
Shanghai 9.00 a.m.
Sandakan 12.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 21st March.

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G. F. O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 15.
Amoy 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong 3.00 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco 21st April.

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Saturday, Mar. 16.
Dairen 10.30 a.m.
Straits 1.30 p.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th March.

G. F. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 17.
Amoy 9 a.m.
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Touane, Saigon and Bangkok 7.00 p.m.

Haiphong 1 p.m.
Canton 7.00 p.m.

He was waiting for this appeal.

No Appeal Received
M. Daladier said that the Finnish Government and Marshal Mannerheim had repeatedly expressed appreciation of the valuable aid given by France.

The French Premier said that the decision to send men to Finland, if wanted, was taken by the Allied War Council on February 3.

A large number of ships had been waiting in the great ports of the Channel and the Atlantic Coast to take the Allied Expeditionary Force.

The British Government had to bear the greater part of the assistance as regards men and ships. The British Navy was also responsible for protecting convoys on the 2,000 miles voyage to the Norwegian coast.

French Deputies Keep Quiet
PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—A motion by M. Leon Blum and other deputies to discuss the Finnish situation in the Chamber of Deputies has been adjourned by general agreement in order not to embarrass the Government.

M. Daladier, in a statement made in the Chamber, said that France needed the list of nations which had sent war material to Finland and gave figures of the munitions sent.

He said that a few days ago, in reply to an urgent demand, France sent a number of ultra-modern bombers which had arrived at the Finnish front.

ALLIED TROOPS FOR FINLAND

FROM PAGE ONE

ments were awaiting a direct public appeal from the Finnish Government.

M. Daladier said that he had informed the Finnish Minister yesterday that France was determined to give Finland all possible aid.

Allies' Warning
M. Daladier also stated that on March 8 he had informed the Finnish Minister that the Allies were ready to send immediate help, and if Finland did not appeal to them for Allied intervention, the Allies could not assume responsibility for the status of Finland at the end of the war.

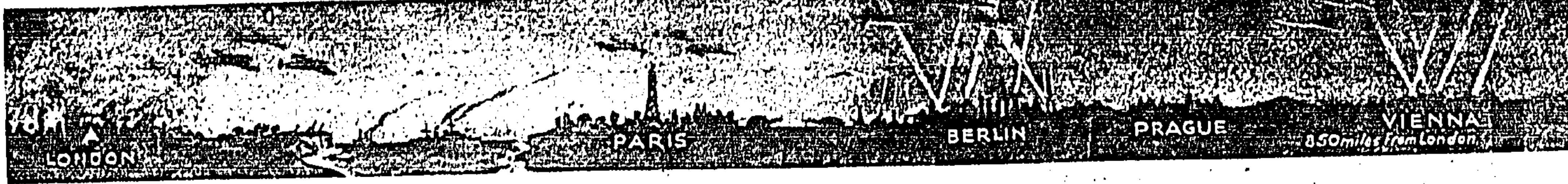
M. Daladier said that the Finnish Minister told him that a definite answer would be sent on March 12 after the meeting of the Finnish Parliament.

M. Daladier explained that this appeal was necessary because Norway and Sweden were opposed to the passage of Allied troops.

"Because of this attitude it was impossible to go to Finland's aid unless we had received a direct appeal from Finland."

M. Daladier emphasised that this appeal was a direct public appeal from the Finnish Government for further help had not been received by either the French or the British Govern-

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LAST of a series WARTIME in LONDON

This is the last of a series of articles by neutral Staff Correspondents of the United Press Association on conditions to-day in the Motherland.

COMPULSORY military service has put into the same unromantic battle-dress both lords and dustmen.

It has resulted in democratisation of the army to an extent that would have horrified the brass hats of the last war. Officers now are supposed to come from the ranks.

During leaves last Christmas, a well-known member of the aristocracy drove up to the swank Dorchester Hotel in a Rolls-Royce to keep a luncheon engagement with his girl friend. He was in service uniform.

A kindly commanding officer of the British Expeditionary Force who takes a fatherly interest in his men noticed one was not sending any money home. The officer summoned this soldier and suggested he send a few shillings to his wife because of the increased cost of living.

"I'll try, sir," the soldier responded. "But my wife ought to be able to get along all right. She gets 3,000 pounds a year from our estate."

OFFICERS and men of the ranks are often seen drinking together, because they are given the same service in hotels, restaurants and bars. A curious feature is that while army men salute army men, navy men salute navy men and air men salute air men, they rarely salute other services.

An admiral strolling through Whitehall passed an army officer of lower rank, who ignored him. The admiral seized his arm and remarked, "Awful bore, this saluting, eh what?"

Many of the mobilised men are seeing London for the first time. It is a common occurrence to hear educated men in uniform ask where is Piccadilly Circus. This is rather a shock in these days of swift transport, in view of Britain's size.

Seaside resorts and inland spas have been converted into spinster towns by mobilisation of young men and evacuation to these points of 21,000 civil servants from London, a majority of them attractive young typists. These women now outnumber the remaining menfolk 10 to 1.

Civil servants evacuated to Blackpool were given their choice of a luxury hotel or a room in a private house, for which from 15 to 21 shillings a week is deducted from their pay. This covers a bed and two meals a day.

The case of William Beazley, 13 years an accountant in a London firm, is typical. He earns four pounds a week and is buying drinking.

a house on instalments. He has a wife and one child, the latter evacuated to the country. He faces the choice of leaving his wife alone in London to face possible air raids, keeping two homes, or trying to sell the house at a loss. This is difficult, if not impossible, as thousands of persons are trying to sell their houses.

AT the war's beginning, 1,230,000 women and children were evacuated by the government from big cities to the country as a precaution against air raids.

Thousands more went privately. By Christmas, 676,500 had returned despite government warnings through radio, press and posters. Thousands who returned to spend Christmas with father remained when they saw how miserably he was doing his own housework.

Others trickled back because they preferred home. Some children were brought back by mothers unable to bear separation.

Many children benefited by the country air and change of food, and gained in weight. Many country families discovered for the first time how small children live.

Although horrified by their language and knowledge of the world, wealthy, childless couples have tackled with enthusiasm the job of caring for children who never saw a green field before.

One urchin from London's east end wrote home that Lord So-and-So, with whom he was billeted, "is a good sport and lets us do what we like, but the governess is strict and tells us we must not do this and that."

BRITAIN'S blackout has established a world's record. Spanish republicans put bullets through windows showing lights in Madrid during the civil war, but their blackouts pale into daylight compared with London, where natural conditions such as thick fogs and normally pitch-black winter nights intensify the gloom of this lightless metropolis.

But London's night life still carries merrily on, with the sole difference that white ties have disappeared completely.

In the early days of September, only uniforms or informal dress were to be seen even in the swankiest night clubs.

But informal dress now has given way to the despised tuxedo. Where wife and children are away, the husband is obliged to spend his evenings in a pub, pool-hall or similar place.

Early closing of cinemas has resulted in appearance of an unusual number of young girls in public houses which in many cases they never entered before, but there apparently is not an abnormal amount of drinking.

FIRST of a series WARTIME in BERLIN

These letters written by Mr. Bayles to his friends in New York give an authentic and completely unbiased picture of life in wartime Germany. This is the first instalment. More will appear to-morrow.

A NEW decree permits marriages to be performed between soldiers at the front and sweethearts at home without the groom even being present at the ceremony.

The soldier is required to provide a written statement of his wish to be married, or to make a declaration to this effect to his battalion commander. The girl then goes to the register office with her credentials and is duly married without even a proxy for the man being present.

The hunting season is in with a terrific bang, and game and more game is being served up in the restaurants.

Hunting is not regarded as a sport but as an occupation, and all the oldsters who 30 years ago wore a green hat with a brush on it and duly went hunting with an expensive carved, inlaid rifle are now being called back into service, and many a tottering limb and shaky hand are trying to serve the Reich by bringing down a few rabbits.

I had the experience of running into my own former milkman this morning when I went round for new rationing cards. He was sitting in a smelly room behind a desk in an S.A. uniform and completely refused to recognise me or return my greeting, although he had accepted countless handouts from me and had begged for everything, from English magazines for his son to my worn-out suits for himself.

After leaving me standing for at least two minutes, during which time he busied himself messing through a pile of papers, he barked, "You wish?" As I left, he bawled "Heil Hitler" after me.

I WAS talking with a dentist and asked him what he is using for gold, silver, and platinum. He took me with him to his office because his ersatz was something that had to be seen to be appreciated. He had an oversized Weavever aluminium pot from which a sizable chunk had been cut and told me that dozens of German mouths were now sporting fillings and castings made out of bits of Weavever aluminium.

He explained that the American Weavever is much purer than the German aluminium, and for this reason is more suitable for castings. The Weavever is the trade-mark for products of the Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co. The dentist estimated that his pot will last about two years if he is sparing with it.

Ersatz for soap is occupying the public and scientific mind to an increasing degree as the surplus is being used up and the population is compelled to get along on one small cake per month.

For a bath, I read in the Volkischer Beobachter, you don't need soap if you just take pine needles, stew them, and then pour off the tea and use it in the bath. This does it cut the dirt and it is good for rheumatism.

For face and hands, powdered chestnut meal not only cleanses but beautifies. After having lost money for a year on Ivy leaves stewed and strained are adequate for laundering clothes. It is maintained.

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I had an interview some days ago with a school authority. The military, or war, concept dominates almost every study. In German history, for example, the heroic is stressed in connection with military exploits. In military history, the development of the German military ideal, the lives of famous generals, military virtue and the soldierly ideal are stressed. These topics are invariably military.

One sign of winter is a notice on all the train windows. It reads: "Keep windows and doors shut, don't waste heat." You may recall the stuffy, sinking atmosphere in German trains and the extreme horror of fresh air, and you can imagine how things are now when it is almost forbidden by law to open a window.

I am amused at the sudden swing-over of the Press to praise of Russia. After abusing the Russians and ridiculing their country for years, the papers are suddenly printing flattering travel articles about the lovely country, the charming Russians, the marvellous facilities for travellers, and the high cultural level of the Bolsheviks.

THE loudest wails over clothes rationing come from the women, who are allowed one pair of stockings every two months.

Let lacquer, which, when applied to the bare leg, gives the appearance of a stocking, is being advertised and sold in large quantities.

THE only good thing that has come out of the war thus far is a marching song, Wir fahren gegen England, which is really a woe.

The words are from an old sailor ditty by Hermann Loens, the chorus running: "Leb wohl, mein Schutz, leb wohl! Denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren gegen England, England." It means: "Farewell, my treasure, farewell; for we're on our way, we're on our way, we're on our way to England."

Christmas is coming on, but sadly lacking are the heaps of sweets and pastries as well as the piles of soft-woolens which are a standard present in these parts.

The sweet department in Wertheim's is now almost filled with small garland apples and the garment counters are vacant because nothing can be bought without a ticket.

IT is now impossible to buy gramophone records without turning in old ones in exchange. The factories are not given new material, are must reclaim old records to manufacture new ones.

It is ironical but true that the Jews actually came out on top by being plundered and forced out of their shops last November. The crooked appraisers cut the price to be paid by the Aryan purchaser to about one-third in each case, and the Germans with spare cash were more eager to grab up a prosperous Jewish shop. The Jews, having received their meagre price, are now mostly out of the country, or at least have the money safely put away, while the Aryans, after having lost money for a year on the stocks, are now learning to run them, are now facing bankruptcy because they are compelled to keep the shops open and to employ the staffs but have nothing to sell.

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GAUSS LEAVING SOON

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Sandler with Samchitini ('Cello) and Byfield (Piano).

8.45 London Relay—"The Spirit of Austria"—A Programme of Recollections.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—4. Lamb.—The fourth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.50 Musical Comedy "Please Teacher."—Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Orchestra conducted by Joseph Tunbridge.

10.07 A Dance Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

FISHERIES RESEARCH Station to be Erected To West of Aberdeen

The Colonial Development grant of £8,000 having been accepted, plans for the construction of the Hongkong Fisheries Research Station are proceeding.

It is understood that a site just to the west of Aberdeen has been surveyed.

A Fishery Journal is already published in the Colony. The first issue appeared recently, appropriately surveying the fishing field and giving interesting information regarding fish species, types of boats and nets used.

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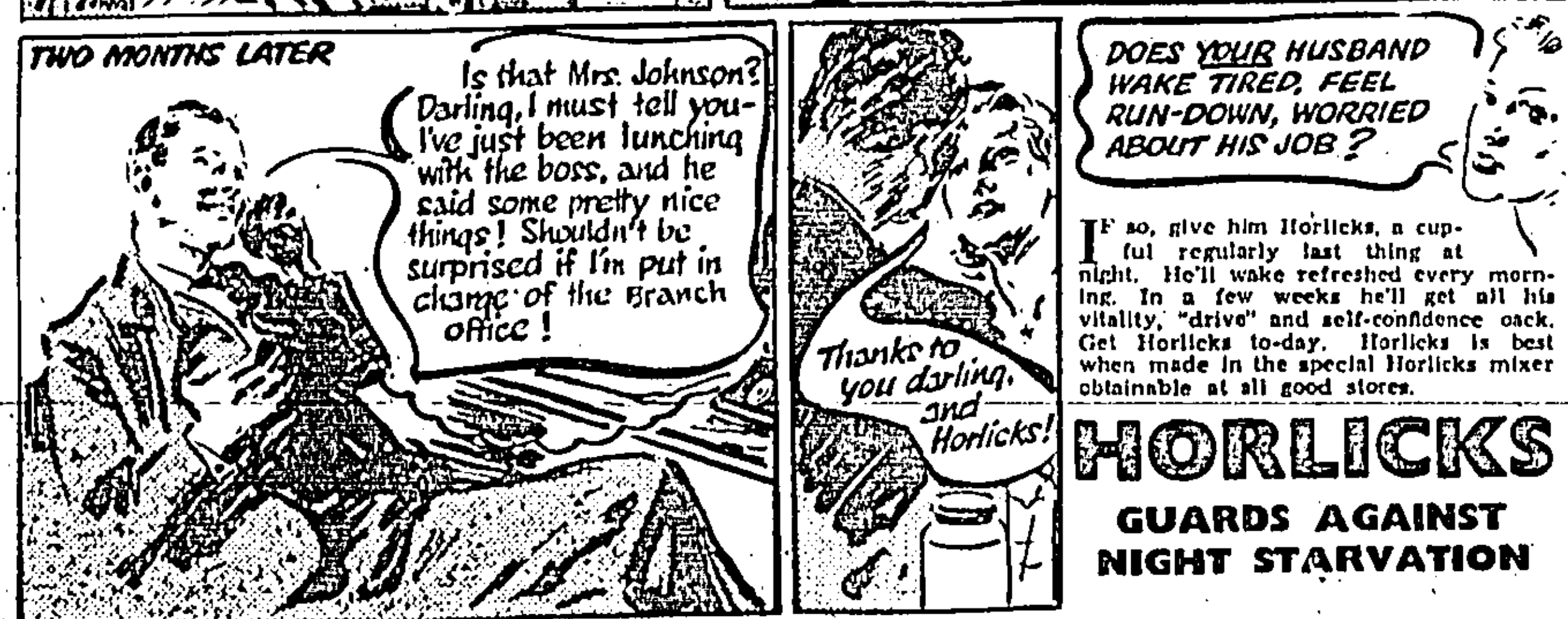
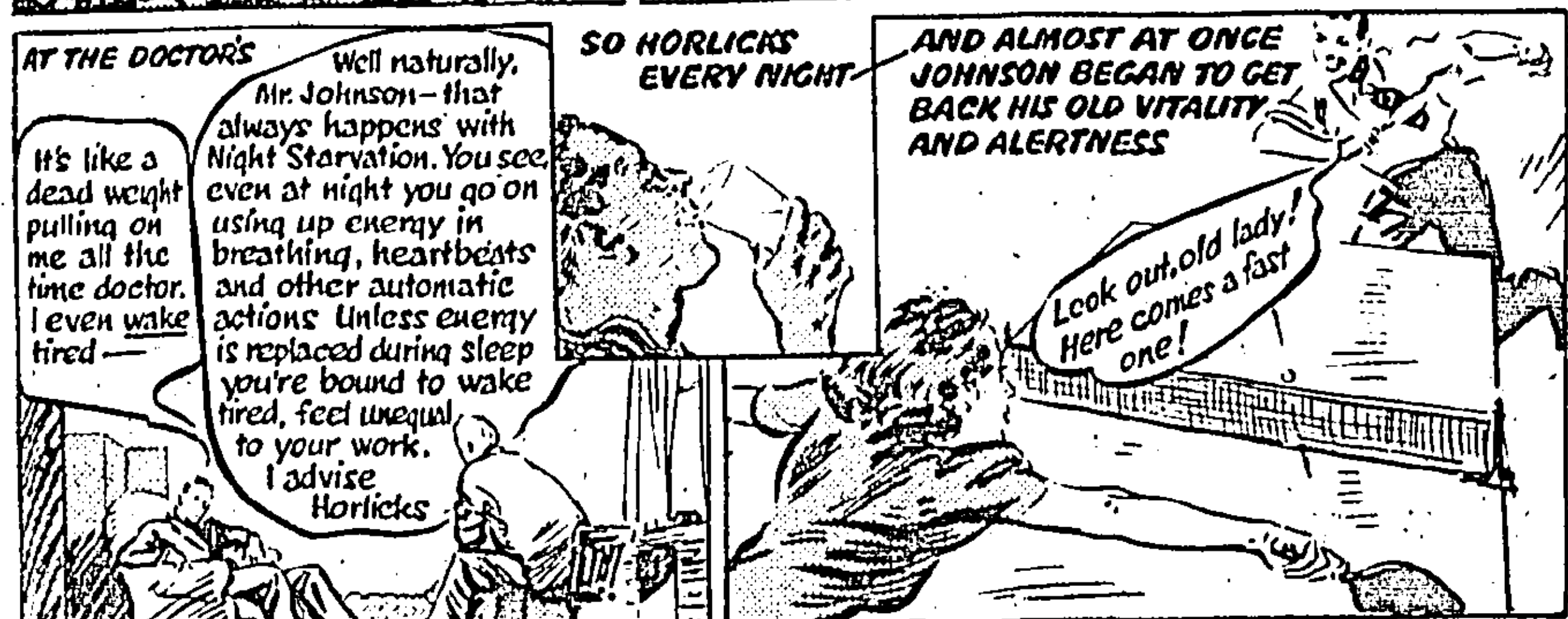
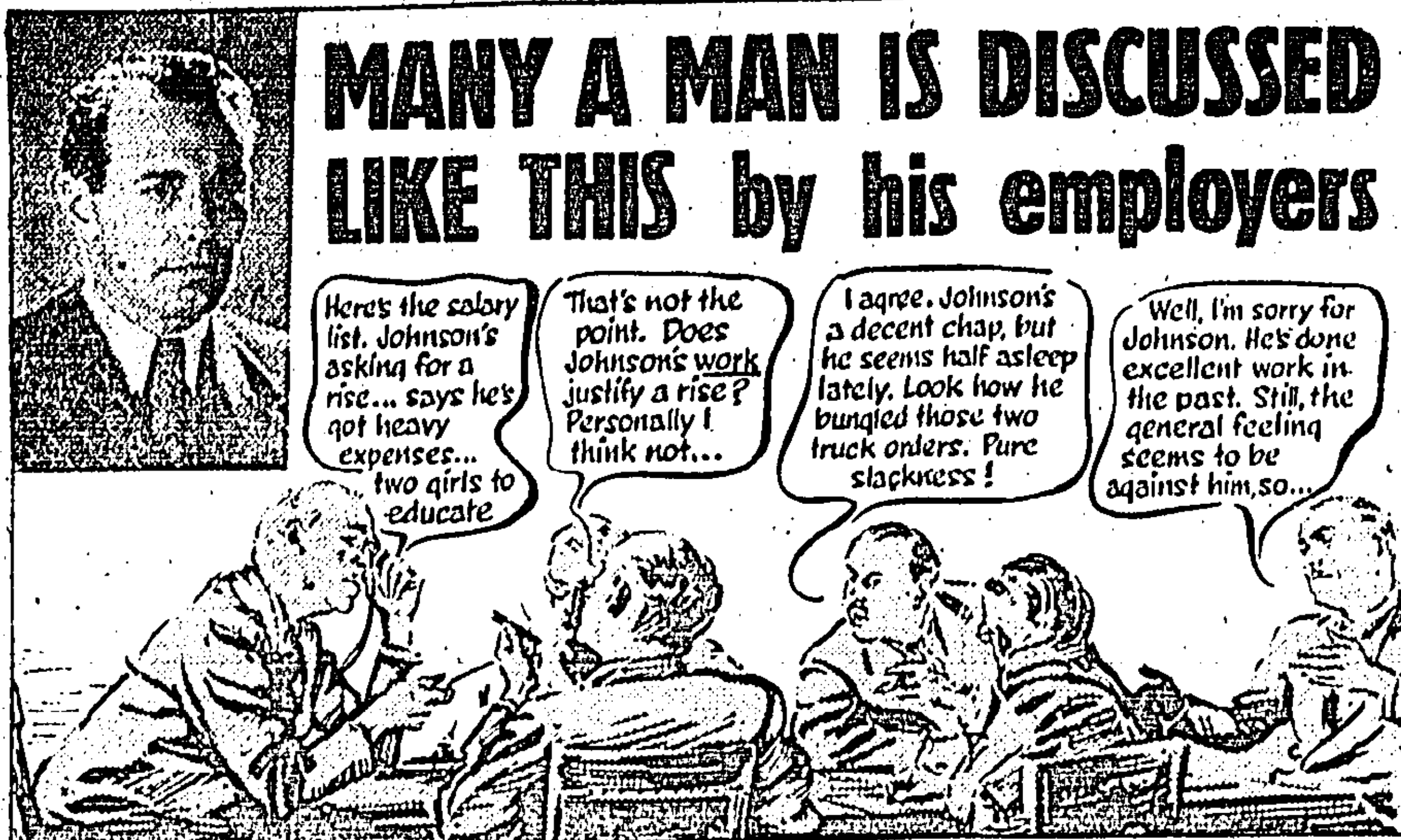
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE



Walt Disney with figurines of the principal characters which appear in "Pinocchio," which has been booked for a ten-week run in the Radio City Centre Theatre, New York. According to cable advices, this film is well on the way to shattering the all-time record created by "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The film is expected to be shown in Hongkong early in May.

Hitler Is In This Film

GAUMONT-British - Gainsborough Studios recently completed a spy picture entitled "Gestapo" in which Charles Victor, English actor, plays the role of Adolf Hitler.

The film, it is said, is one of those suspenseful yarns about which too much detail should not be disclosed in advance.

Margaret Lockwood (last seen here in "Rulers of the Sea") is the daughter of a Czech-Slovakian munitions chief. The Nazi invasion puts him to flight. He tries to take the girl with him, but the enemy intercept her and she is in a concentration camp when the old gentleman, holder of a secret plan which the Germans covet, arrives in England.

Escape

In the concentration camp is a young German and the girl and he plot an escape together. They reach England but the Germans are still after the girl because they hope she will lead them to her father and his precious documents.

Father and daughter are both recaptured and taken back to Germany and there "al" sorts of exciting happenings before the British Secret Service scores over the sleuths of the Gestapo.

Two big American companies are concerned with this picture, according to news from Home. One is Twentieth Century-Fox, for whom Gainsborough produced it, the other is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, announced as its distributors.

AT THE CINEMAS

King's: "Juarez" (Paul Muni, Bette Davis).
Queen's: "Our Neighbours" (The Carters) (Edmund Lowe, Fay Bainter).
Alhambra: "Law of the Pampas" (William Boyd).
Oriental: "Flight To Fame" (Charles Farrell).
Majestic: "Code of the Secret Service".

"The Rains Came"

"THE Rains Came," 20th-Century-Fox production for screening at the King's and which will commence on Friday, is said to be an excellent picturisation of Louis Bromfield's popular novel.

The author has declared himself delighted with the production and from India comes the news that the film has pleased audiences there.

The message reads: Mayor Sri S. Satyamurthi M. L. A. (Central), Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Legislative Assembly, President of the Indian Motion Picture Congress, recently issued a message about this film.

"For the first time Hollywood has produced a picture (The Rains Came) depicting an Indian story, in Indian surroundings and with an Indian background. Of course, the photography and the recording are excellent. Making allowance for members of one race having to act the characters of persons belonging to another race, the acting is of very high order. But what pleases me particularly is that every attempt has been made to avoid any caricature or even unconscious misrepresentation of Indian life and character. On the other hand, every attempt has been made to be true to Indian life and character and motif.

"I am glad that Hollywood has recognised that India is very sensitive on this matter. This picture deserves to be seen by all Indian and friends of India. But this is only a beginning.

"By and by, we must get real pictures of Indian life and character, acted by Indians themselves. Meantime, I cordially thank the Producer of this picture for the service they have rendered to India and to the human understanding of India. But Hollywood may well now begin to show pictures not of the India that was, and perhaps is, but will soon vanish, but rather of the India that is to be."

Movie Star's War Effort

MADELINE Carroll is Hollywood's busiest star as a result of her determination to do everything in her power to aid in the relief of civilian war sufferers in England and France.

At the outbreak of hostilities, Miss Carroll turned over her chateau in the South of France for the use of children removed from Paris and other big French cities. Since that time she has sponsored numerous benefits in Hollywood and Los Angeles and has supervised the sending of money to Europe for relief purposes.

In order to carry on this work, Miss Carroll turned her dressing suite in the Edward Small studios into an office. She installed telephones and had her personal secretary take up duties there. As though this were not enough, she has devoted her time between "takes" on the set to knitting sweaters and other articles which are shipped abroad.

Local

Entertainments

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present this evening at a variety concert which is to be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The concert will commence at 8.15 p.m.

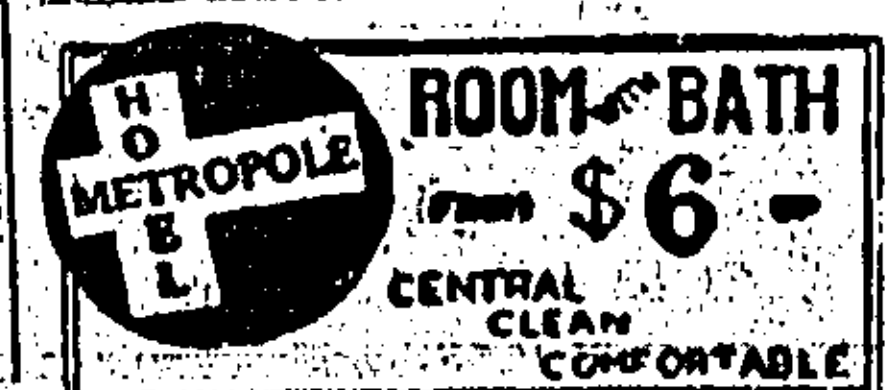
On Friday, the Central British School pupils are staging a physical training display commencing at 6 p.m. The display will include gymnastics, recreational games, classical dancing, team games, free standing gymnastics, English country dancing, vaulting and agility.

The St. Patrick's Society are holding a dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday. Proceeds of the dance will go to the British War Organisation Fund.

"Jesse James" Sequel

Darryl F. Zanuck announced recently that 20th Century-Fox are making a sequel to the "Jesse James" film which was shown recently in Hongkong.

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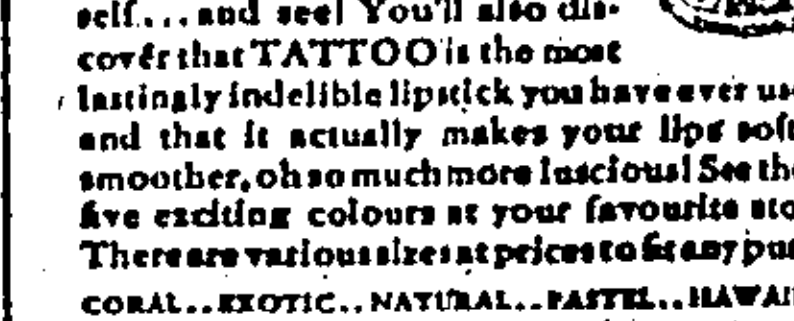
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Listening In

SHOULD one listen in to Nazi broadcast? This question might have been readily and definitely answered before the war—to the effect that no great harm would come of the practice. Since the war began, however, the situation has changed as a matter of course, and the question may require several answers.

Much depends on the person who listens in. There are people who become depressed when they hear anything unfavourable to the Allies, even when that news is a palpable falsehood. They have a lingering notion that there may be "something in it." These people would be happier and would lose nothing by ignoring the Nazi broadcast.

Curiosity and a sense of novelty induce many to listen. But that feeling soon wears off, and all the sooner because it becomes plain that the broadcast is not of news but the clumsiest and most malicious of lies intended to spread discontent and indecision among the Allied soldiers and civil population.

One excellent reason for abstaining is that the Nazis wish the Allied people to listen in. Why oblige them? One listener, who used to listen to the Nazi farrago but does not now, puts the matter in this way: "Suppose I have a feud with a private enemy. Will I advance my cause or improve my morale if I allow him to ring me up at frequent intervals and listen without reply while he tells me that I starve my children and beat my wife, forged that cheque, and set fire to the timber yard?"

Time and taste will settle the question for each individual. By listening he may be at times amused, irritated; but certainly not informed—save on the limitless capacity of the Nazi broadcasters for lying.

Wrong-Way Drivers Handled By French

PARIS—The "delicate" problem of what to do with British Tommies who lapse into their habit of driving on the left side of the highway has been solved by the French Government.

These offences, and other traffic rule violations will be turned over to military authorities of the British Army, Minister of Justice Georges Bonnet announced.

THIS MAN SAID:
"I LIKE WAR"

INTERSPERSED with conflicting rumours of forthcoming German offensives against the Low Countries and in the South-East of Europe are persistent reports of new underground approaches to the Allied Governments for peace parleys.

Such approaches, if made—and it is no idle guess that they may be on the way—would not be without a certain danger; for there are still people in England (and in France) who think that some sort of deal can be done with what are called the "moderate" elements in the Nazi Party.

Now the central figure in these "moderate" elements, the man with whom it is thought an honest deal might be done, is no less a person than Field-Marshal Goering—Hitler's named successor, his chief lieutenant, and next to the Fuehrer himself the most powerful and menacing exponent of the Nazi regime in practice.

The theory about Goering appears to be that, though something of a genial ruffian, he might easily be transformed into a good European; that he did not want to begin and does not want to continue the war against Britain; that he opposed and is still opposed to the Nazi-Soviet Pact; that he has resisted Hitler's plans for an extension of the war into neutral countries; and that, with adequate encouragement from the Allies, he could overthrow Hitler and arrange satisfactory terms which would make him the master of an old-style "Conservative" Germany co-operating with the Western democracies for the overthrow of Bolshevism and the maintenance thereafter of a comfortable status quo in Europe.

This is wishful thinking with a vengeance. It is based, not on ascertained data, but on a number of entirely nebulous assumptions.

One is that in any circumstances short of disaster in the field or Germany's complete economic collapse Goering could expect to supplant Hitler, while still alive and in full possession of his peculiar faculties, as the national leader-hero.

Another assumption, founded on absurd but carefully disseminated rumours of the abdication, in the near future, of a thoroughly baffled Fuehrer, is that the rumours would not be a crude Nazi trick to entangle the Allies into sham peace negotiations from which it would be almost impossible to withdraw.

But the most important assumption of all is that, if Hitler were dead or discarded, if what Mr. Churchill calls "the smear of Hitler" were wiped from the human path, the smear of Goering would be less foul, his word more to be trusted, his rule less likely to keep Europe in a ferment.

What manner of man is this Goering on whom we are to build hopes of a solidly-negotiated permanent peace? What is his record?

Let it never be forgotten that, from the moment he flew back,



By A. J. Cummings

a daring young airman, to defeat Germany after the Armistice, he has been filled with the fury of revenge—revenge not only against the victorious enemy, but against Catholicism and Bolshevism, against the "yellow internationale" to quote his own words) of Jewish capitalism" and against the democracies which he still fanatically believes to be the instruments and dupes of the Jewish peril.

He once said to a friend of mine: "I like war and I am going to give Europe another taste of it." His reckless and ferocious temper gives point to these words.

He is the man who prefers guns to butter, who wants the world to tremble once more "before the tramp of Prussian grenadiers." He cares nothing for human life, and has had hundreds of his own comrades shot with as little compunction as if they were rabbits.

Penniless and embittered, scarcely able to exist on his pay as a commercial pilot, he met Hitler at Konigsplatz in the autumn of 1921; and, finding in him a kindred spirit, joined him at once in a blood-partnership for the smashing of "the Jew republic" and the "liberation" of Germany.

He has remained to this very day Hitler's right-hand man—"the best of them all," said Hitler warmly not many months ago.

He proved his courage and his inflexible will in the critical period of the Nazi struggle for power.

He induced the aged Hindenburg to sign the decree appointing Hitler Chancellor by telling him a lie about General von Schleicher's intention to march on Potsdam and arrest the President.

He also frightened Hindenburg into abolishing constitutional safeguards, thus enabling him as Prussian Police Minister to terrorise and stamp out all opposition and deposit the leaders in concentration camps.

Now this squat, barrel-chested giant, grotesque in his obesity, but as full of energy as ever, has been placed by his master in absolute control of Germany's war economy. If Hitler had not trusted him he would not have placed him where he is.

In his own way he is as much an evil genius of Nazi Germany as the Fuehrer himself. In a sense he is more dangerous since his brutal conduct is camouflaged behind a bluff and breezy manner that has deceived many simple foreigners.

Criminals, great and small, have used the same camouflage with fatal success. It is not an irrelevance that Goering's household pet is a beast of the jungle. The man is as merciless as he is jovial, without moral scruples of any kind; and his twin gods are unlimited power and unlimited revenge.

Is there anything at all in his record and personality to suggest that he can be used or trusted by a decent diplomacy to bring peace and security to a shattered Europe? In the world as it is to-day those who would sup with the devil should use a very long spoon.

It is commonly believed, though the evidence is not conclusive, that his agents fired the Reichstag in order to implicate the Communists and bring about their final destruction.

It will be remembered how, at the subsequent trial in the German Supreme Court of Justice, this strange being, then Prime Minister of Prussia, gave what was a mockery of evidence, literally dancing with rage and shaking both fists wildly at the prisoner Dimitrov, while a stream of frenzied abuse poured from his lips.

"You wait," he bawled, as Dimitrov was taken away, "till we get you out of the power of this Court."

It was Goering who invented and established the Gestapo, the most cruel and bestial organisation of secret police ever imposed upon a civilised community, and used it with ruthless gusto to maintain the dictatorship until he handed over his machine of torture and death to the equally efficient hands of Heinrich Himmler.

"We need men who will be blind and deaf and dumb when we want them to be so," he told his second-in-command, at the outset; "We want automations—but they must shoot straight."

It was Goering who, in the great purge of June, 1934, "cleared up" North Germany and had the firing squads at work "from dawn to dusk" in the old military academy at Lichtenfelde, where years before he had undergone his army training.

It was Goering, above all, who set going the secret rearmament of Germany—at a time when she was forbidden under treaty more than 100,000 soldiers—and carried out with passionate enthusiasm Hitler's order to build the greatest air force the world had ever seen. A dozen times he has declared his intention to use this mighty weapon, his pride and joy, to bring England to her knees.

No wonder a grateful Fuehrer has presented him with so many medals and decorations that (as they say in Germany) if there are more to come and they are pinned on the only place still available on his ample form he will be unable to sit down.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



SHOCKING U.S. Press On Famine

Millions Starving In North China

PEIPING, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—According to reports from Central Hopei, famine conditions exist there and a major tragedy looms as the people are already at the starvation level.

They are living on the bark of trees and are even eating the common earth, which is causing many deaths.

The desperate food shortage has even caused the peasants to uproot wheat stalks, thus spoiling the spring crop.

Famine And Floods

Conditions are especially bad around Paotingfu, while the whole district between Paotingfu and Tientsin is now ascertained to be a famine area. Parts of this area are still inundated by last year's flood waters.

The people have to find means of living without gathering fresh crops until September.

Migrations are afoot from some of the districts. The position is made desperate by the fact that the peasants have no food reserves, those having been commandeered either by Chinese guerrillas or Japanese forces.

4,000,000 Face Starvation

The number facing starvation following last year's flood was 3,000,000 in Hopei and 1,000,000 in Shantung. A total of 12,500 villages were devastated in Hopei and 5,000 in Shantung. It is probable that the worsening conditions, which have reached a climax this spring, have increased the number threatened with disaster.

In Peiping, the poorer families have cut down from three meals to one a day.

PROLONGING GOVT.'S LIFE

Bill May Shortly Be Introduced

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Replying to a question as to whether or not it was proposed shortly to introduce a Bill to prolong the life of Parliament, Earl Stanhope, in the House of Lords, said the Government was well aware of the necessity of considering this matter at no very distant date because the life of the present Parliament came to an end in November next.

He, however, was not in a position to-day to make any statement on the matter.

Statement On Evacuation

Continuing, he said that there have been a very big scheme of evacuation in the present war and a really large number of big cities had lost a number of people. No one could possibly say whether these people would eventually go back to the cities.

If the war went on for some time they might realise the attractions of the country and stop there, he concluded.

R.A.F. BOMB U-BOAT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that during a reconnaissance flight over Heligoland Bight and the estuaries yesterday, aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command successfully attacked a German submarine at the entrance of the Schilling Roads.

The submarine was seen to be hit by at least one bomb and is believed to have been sunk.

Hanover Becomes Prize Ship

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The German steamer, Hanover, which was set on fire by her crew in an attempt to avoid capture, has been towed into port as a prize.

German Shipping Losses

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced that seven per cent, or about 300,000 tons of German shipping has been seized or scuttled since the outbreak of war. Another 25 per cent is bottled up in neutral ports or is remaining tied up in German ports except for trade with Scandinavian countries.

Stock Exchange's Steady Session

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange was quietly steady throughout the session.

Main interest centred on the new war loan. Although there is no definite indication yet of the result, it is stated in the best informed quarters that the loan's success is certain. Thousands of applications from small investors have already been received.

Wall Street was steady.

500 MOSLEM PILGRIMS LOST IN THE DESERT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DAMASCUS, Mar. 12 (UP).—Five hundred Moslem pilgrims on their way to Mecca have been lost in the Arabian desert. Syrian camel desert patrols and aeroplanes have searched for them 24 hours unsuccessfully.

The caravan left Hedjaz nearly a month ago. Members who have been found starved and exhausted near Palmyra stated the caravan lost its way, and 300 camels died, whereafter the caravan was dispersed in a burning sand storm.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES

War Minister's Confidence In The B.E.F.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—In introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley said it would be improper and undesirable for him to attempt to forecast in war, as his predecessors did in peace, what task the British Army might be called upon to fulfil in the future.

Whatever it might be called upon to face, he said, the Army had not yet been subjected to the same intensive test as the Navy and Air Force.

After recalling how the idea of a Continental Army had been bitterly opposed in Britain, Mr. Stanley said that the nature of events which led up to Munich showed some of them that it was a conflict which was absolutely inevitable.

It was obvious that in any clash to come, he said, we should be fighting side by side with France in the cause of liberty and justice.

Therefore the security of France would be bound up with the security and integrity of this country.

Need For Great Army

Then it became clear that our resources in Man Power and our great industrial strength demanded that we should produce an army on a scale sufficient to ensure our security and be worthy of our position as a great power.

Mr. Stanley then referred to the decision taken last year to equip the Army on a Continental scale.

"The B.E.F.," he added, "is in France and the wisdom of the decision to send it there is not questioned by anyone."

"Starting in a comparatively small way our Army is rapidly growing. A great army is in the process of formation with which we shall progressively take a bigger and bigger part of the burden of war from the shoulders of our Allies, the French, who in the early days of the war had to bear such a very great part of this burden."

Expansion Continues

Mr. Stanley added that it was well to bear in mind that whereas a general decision to recruit was taken by this country in 1936, the decision to equip the Army on the present scale with masses of modern equipment and ammunition which modern warfare necessitated was only taken a year ago.

The expansion of the British Expeditionary Force continued, he said, and the number of British troops in France to-day was about double what they had in October. Every day saw some increase in their strength.

Mr. Stanley said that when he recently visited France the troops had already experienced some six or seven weeks of continuous snow and frost.

He visited a great part of the lines along which we are engaged in putting up defensive works and he was struck by the amount of work accomplished and the amount of work nearly completed.

Energy And Confidence

Almost directly after his visit conditions improved and he had no doubt but that recent weeks had shown an increased strengthening of our position.

"Wherever I went in all ranks I was immensely struck by the atmosphere of energy and confidence," (Cheers).

"I was immensely struck too with the relations between the French and English in this war as compared to the last."

"In the last war we were Allies. In this war we are friends."

A.A. Units' Monotony

Turning to the Army at home, Mr. Stanley said that anti-aircraft units comprising thousands of men were moved out even before the declaration of war to war stations where they had been ever since.

"They had had to live in a constant condition of readiness and, owing to the nature of their deployment, they had had to live in conditions of extreme isolation and monotony."

Many thousands of them, he said, were on the same spot on which they had stood since September.

All must pay tribute to the way in which the men engaged in anti-aircraft defence have stood this hard test, he said.

Empire's Assistance

Mr. Stanley proceeded to say that the country appreciated the very valuable assistance they had already received and would continue to receive from the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

The Canadian troops had been in this country for nearly three months and were now well advanced in their training.

None, he said, could fail to be impressed by their physique, intelligence and obvious keenness.

The first traditions of the Indian Army were represented by the Indian troops in France to a greater extent in the Near East, where the Australian Imperial Force and the New Zealand Special Force would, he thought, be worthy successors of the "Ancient Corps" of the last war.

He said that the Union Defence Forces had been reorganised with a view to the defence of South Africa and South African interests in Africa.

Southern Rhodesia and the African colonies had produced their own contribution while the Colonial Empire as a whole had provided for their own defence and thereby relieved the

Welles Still Secretive

Hush-Hush Talk With Winston Churchill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—While the House of Commons was considering further contraband control measures against the United States to-day, Mr. Sumner Welles was conferring with the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill.

Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Welles were most secretive regarding their talks.

It is believed, however, that the First Lord brought up the question of American shipments of rubber and copper to Russia through Mexico and the Philippine Islands.

Earlier Conferences

Earlier, Mr. Welles had conferred with Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Labour Leaders, and with Sir Archibald Samuel, the Liberal leader. He luncheoned with Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Chamberlain had an audience with His Majesty the King this morning. It is believed they referred to Mr. Welles' visit.

Mr. Welles will see Captain Anderton, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, on Wednesday afternoon.

Promotions In R.A.F.

Daring Pilots Are Rewarded

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—A list of over 200 Air Force temporary promotions is published.

Thirty-four Wing-Commanders become Group Captains, 133 Squadron Leaders are promoted to Wing-Commanders and 52 Flight Lieutenants become Squadron Leaders.

The new Wing-Commanders include Andrew Douglas Farquhar, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. for three successful attacks on enemy aircraft.

Heroes Of Last War

Most of the new Group Captains distinguished themselves in the last war. They include O.R. Gayford, who was in charge of the long-distance record flight in November, 1938.

Richard Kellett, who led the record-breaking flight and was awarded the D.F.C. recently for leading British planes in the Heligoland light-air flight, is promoted Wing-Commander, as is also G. H. Stainforth, former holder of the world's air speed record.

K. B. Lloyd, who in 1938 was in command of the five Air Force flying boats which covered 30,000 miles, the longest formation flight ever undertaken—is among the new Group Captains.

Important Chief Of Staff Talks

ANKARA, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The presence of the two Allied Air Chiefs of the Middle East at Ankara lends added importance to the recent meeting of the Turkish Supreme War Council.

At that meeting, the Council made an exhaustive study of the country's defences and was satisfied with the measures already taken and planned.

Two Air Chiefs arrived last Saturday for conferences with the head of the Turkish Air Force.

All these were very substantial contributions for which this country was grateful.

200,000 Volunteers Enlist

But, he said, the majority of the personnel of the expanded Army had got to be provided from these islands and it was to the Military Training Act that they would have to look in the future for the main source of supply of personnel for the Army.

It was to the general satisfaction that the country had decided that side by side with this new system which other Continental armies had always been raised that we should continue with our old system of voluntary recruiting which had produced some of the finest armies the world had ever seen.

Mr. Stanley added that about 200,000 volunteers had been enlisted since the beginning of the war. They hoped to provide skilled men who were needed for the Army's expansion without having to call on skilled men so urgently needed in civilian life.

Average Age Is 25

At present, he said, the average age in the Infantry was 25 and that of the other regiments was over 20.

The age structure at the moment was satisfactory and the stiffening of the older men was sufficient but it was a situation which required constant watching.

He announced that various improvements had been made in the scheme for dependents allowances in order to meet criticisms.

He said he had decided on a substitute for the term "unmarried wife." The words suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury were "unmarried dependent living as a wife."

The general changes in the dependents allowances scheme would apply equally to the Navy, Marines and Airforce.

He concluded by expressing confidence that the sons of those who were victorious 25 years ago would repeat their fathers' triumphs. "It is for us to avoid our mistakes," he said.

RUSH TO BUY WAR LOAN

Will Absorb Nation's Genuine Savings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 13 (UP).—On the third floor of the Bank of England, in a huge room crowded with green baize tables, a small army of clerks are busy opening mail and receiving public subscriptions to Britain's £300,000,000 War Loan.

A most interesting feature of the loan is that its amount has been carefully gauged in order to mop up genuine saving of the general public.

Nearly £500,000,000 Savings

These savings are estimated at between £400,000,000 and £500,000,000, of which £100,000,000 is already secured through National Savings Certificates.

This is in contrast to the old 5 per cent War Loan of 1917, which reached the staggering total of £830,000,000 in actual cash. A large portion of this was advanced by banks to customers, with a result that the loan had a highly inflationary effect upon the banking and currency structure.

The 1940 War Loan bears interest at the rate of 3 per cent.

Allies Hold Up Aircraft Orders

U.S. Won't Sell Their Best Machines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The apparent delay in placing the new \$1,000,000,000 Allied aircraft order in the United States is reported to be substantially attributable firstly to the strong pressure which the Allies are reported to be bringing to bear on the United States administration to give Allied aircraft orders preference over the United States' own requirements.

In this connection, there are strong indications in official quarters here that the Army and Navy departments would oppose delaying their own expansion programmes.

Want Latest Models

Secondly, the delay is due to efforts of the Allies to obtain the release of certain of the latest models of the United States' warplanes.

Official quarters hint that the latest models would be released for foreign sale only when the United States have still better machines in sight.

Although the authorities have decided to release the new 400-miles an hour Curtiss P40 fighter, at least seven other types, which are at present being manufactured under orders from the United States Air Corps or which are ready for production, have been withheld for export.

Italy And Her Interests

Must Be Focal Point Of New European Peace

ROME, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The veil of secrecy which has hitherto surrounded the conversations between Signor Mussolini and Herr von Ribbentrop was yesterday partially lifted by an article in the "Giornale d'Italia."

The article says: "The conversations ranged over the entire European field and over the fundamental question of war aims and the establishment of an enduring peace."

Better Peace Than Last One

"It was stated that the essential object of war must be to create a better peace than the previous one. It was affirmed that this is not possible if account is not taken of her legitimate interests and rights following the line of a vast European construction, which was made the point of departure of the Axis and the Italo-German alliance."

The "Tribuna" emphasises that Italy's position is unchanged.

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Around The Courses

HENRY COTTON THINKS SAND GREENS

Improve Putting And Chipping—If You Get To Know Them

(By "Birdie")

HERE IS WHAT the maestro—Henry Cotton—thinks of sand greens:

"Playing on a course with sand greens improves chipping because there is so much of it to do... and... on courses where the extremes of climate prevent grass greens, they are a good substitute, and the toll-tale path of the ball in the sand shows up the accuracy or otherwise of your putting stroke."

He holds no brief for sand, however, for he also thinks that grass greens, even when frozen, are better any time.

His experience of sand greens, it appears, was gathered in America. He had thought of them as of a hard and fast putting surface, on which no one could maintain control, but in his own words: "These greens are not fast to putt on. They are like the normal grass greens, and the ball tends to pull up rather than race away."

There are, however, two types of sand greens. The first is the dry kind and the second is composed of oiled sand (to prevent the grains from blowing away). The Country Club, at Sheungshui, is the only course in Hongkong that has sand greens, but there they are dry, and on windy days the greatest difficulty is experienced on them when the sand blows around, or piles up into little waves that stop the roll of the ball. Having played there during both dry and wet weather, I had thought the answer to this problem was to keep them ever damp, but in a climate like this it would require constant watering—I had never thought of oil.

Though they will not hold a long pitch, the shorter ones are very true, and in America, the professionals almost look to holing out from anywhere within thirty yards! The one great drawback to keeping the greens oiled or constantly damp is the adhesiveness of the sand. After every stroke, even a six-inch putt, the ball would have to be picked up and cleaned, for the coarse grains of sand would cause it to do funny things.

During competitions on the American sand courses, there is on each green a man with a rag like an inverted door-mat which he drags around the green, beginning from the pin and working outwards. It keeps the sand level, and obliterates the marks of previous puttings. In ordinary rounds, each player is provided with a sort of folded brush, which can go into the bag, and which is used to wipe out any marks made. On such greens, this is a great point in etiquette, and it is regrettable that at the Country Club there are yet members who cannot smooth over the little pits made by their approach shots, much less the tracks made by their putts. Cotton concludes his article, saying "they are really easy to play once you get to know the greens, but if there has been rain, and the rest of the course is soft and holding, it is difficult to get used to pitching almost right up to the green, but not on the actual putting surface."

LATEST standings for the 1940 Harry Vardon Trophy of the Professional Golfers' Association of America are:

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, Texas	66 pts.
Jimmy Hines, Great Neck, N.Y.	39 "
Horton Smith, Oak Park, Ill.	38 "
Ben Hogan, White Plains, N.Y.	28 "
Dick Metz, Oak Park, Ill.	23 "
Olin Dutra, Los Angeles	23 "
Jimmy Thomson, Chicago, Ill.	18 "
Moss	18 "
Al Kreuger, Beloit, Wis.	18 "

LEADING money winners for the P.G.A. winter tournament

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Patty Berg Wins Fifth Straight Title

CORAL GABLES, Fla., (AP).

Patty Berg won her fifth straight Miami Biltmore women's golf title here, defeating Betty Jameson, the National champion, on the 38th hole of one of the finest, most thrilling matches ever played between women.

It was nearly pitch dark and the two girls were verging upon exhaustion when Betty, the San Antonio star, missed her tee shot on the short 38th and lost to the player from Minneapolis.

They had been deadlocked at the end of 18 holes, and at the end of 36.

golf (Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco opens):

Jimmy Demaret	\$2,375
Lawson Little	1,940
Clayton Heafner	1,563
Jimmy Hines	880

TWO matches in the second round of the Mixed Four-somes competition were played at the Country Club last Sunday. Eight of the better players of the Club were involved, and the results were:

Mrs. A. Segura and P. K. C. Tyau beat Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios 2 up.

Mrs. A. J. Kew and T. Y. C. Lee beat Miss Molly Churn and A. W. Ramsey 3 and 2.

The first of these two matches was a great struggle. Tyau and partner turned four up, but their opponents fell into stride over the second nine holes, and with just a little more luck might have taken the match to the 10th or even have won. On the 12th green, Tyau rested almost on the lip of the cup to lay Mrs. Remedios a stymie. Though only one foot from the cup, and with one stroke in hand, she had to putt around, and the hole was holved.

On the 15th green Tyau and partner were only two up (despite the previous incident), and the Remedios' were again within 18 inches of the cup. But Tyau, from well outside the green, holed out in the style that Cotton says professionals in America almost look forward to doing. The odds were very conceivably in the Remedios' favour to win the hole, and instead of their opponents being one up and three to go, they were down three. Yet their lead was reduced to dormie one; but winning the last hole, they won two up.

Rajputana Rifles Win Cross-Country Race

THE ARMY cross-country race held yesterday was won by Rifleman Amar Singh, of the Rajputana Rifles, with Naik Ahmed Khan, H.K.S.R.A., second, and Rifleman Bishan Khan, Kumaon Rifles, third.

The distance was six miles, starting from the Polo ground, round Kowloon City behind the rifle ranges, and back. The winner's time was 37 mins. 20 secs. Altogether, nine units, comprising 135 men, took part in the race, and all completed the course with the exception of the Signals. The results were—1, Rajputana Rifles; 2, H.K.S.R.A.; 3, Kumaon Rifles; 4, 5th A.A. (R.A.); 5, 12th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 6, 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 7, Middlesex; and 8, Royal Scots.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding Major-General A.E. Grassett, congratulated the winners, after which Mrs. Grassett gave away the prizes.



Craig Wood, United States Ryder Cup player, in putting stance. The ball, apparently, has gone down.

Cricket Tournament

R. Engineers Defeat Gunners

IN THE SEMI-FINAL round of the Large Units knock-out cricket competition at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Engineers beat the Royal Artillery by four runs. The Gunners, with the exception of Brian McLeod and Major Temple, could do little against the bowling of Parsons, who secured five wickets at a cost of four runs apiece.

ROYAL ENGINEERS		ROYAL ARTILLERY	
Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w.	4	Capt. D. C. E. Grose, l.b.w.	4
Sgt. W. T. L. Wilkinson, run out	13	Sgt. W. T. L. Wilkinson, run out	13
Spr. Shipp, run out	0	Spr. Shipp, run out	0
Spr. Ratcliffe, c. Barby, b. Ward	0	Spr. Ratcliffe, c. Barby, b. Ward	0
L/Cpl. Shaw, l.b.w., Barby	15	L/Cpl. Shaw, l.b.w., Barby	15
Spr. F. L. Freeman, not out	17	Spr. F. L. Freeman, not out	17
Spr. Bailey, not out	10	Spr. Bailey, not out	10
Extras	11	Extras	11
(for 5 wickets dec.)	127	(for 5 wickets dec.)	127

L/Cpl. Pelham, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Messon and Major W. V. Parsons did not bat.

Bowling Analysis		Bowling Analysis	
Barby	8	1	45
Ward	4	1	19
Dobbinson	4	1	15
Thorpe	2	1	15
Plummer	2	1	22
ROYAL ARTILLERY			
Brig. T. McLeod, b. Parsons	33	Brig. T. McLeod, b. Parsons	33
Capt. Infanter, b. Ratcliffe	17	Capt. Infanter, b. Ratcliffe	17
Capt. Hook, b. Ratcliffe	15	Capt. Hook, b. Ratcliffe	15
Lt. Plummer, c. Shipp, b. Denyer	12	Lt. Plummer, c. Shipp, b. Denyer	12
Lt. Seligman, l.b.w., Parsons	10	Lt. Seligman, l.b.w., Parsons	10
Gnr. Barby, c. Shipp, b. Parsons	10	Gnr. Barby, c. Shipp, b. Parsons	10
Major Temple, b. Shaw	30	Major Temple, b. Shaw	30
B.C.M.S. Seale, b. Parsons	11	B.C.M.S. Seale, b. Parsons	11
Spr. Ward, b. Shaw	11	Spr. Ward, b. Shaw	11
Dobbinson, not out	1	Dobbinson, not out	1
Thorpe, b. Parsons	1	Thorpe, b. Parsons	1
Extras	1	Extras	1
Total	123	Total	123

Grand National Call-Over

London, Mar. 12. The following were to-day's call-over prices for the Grand National: Kilsart, Sterling Duke 100-7 offered, 15-1 taken, Smaethis 100-8 o., 20-1 L. Venturesome Knight 100-8 o., 20-1 L. Workman 25-1 o., 33-1 L., 100-7 Professor II o.—Reuter.

Married v. Single Game At Hongkong C.C.

The following teams will play in the Married v. Single match at Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2 p.m.: Married—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, S. J. L. Commey, W. J. Finnie, Capt. J. C. E. Gross, Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. J. D. Holmes, H. Owen, Hughes, J. J. D. Lewis, R. W. Patterson, D. S. Bobb, E. W. Street. Single—A. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. S. Blake, N. D. Hooker, M. F. L. Rayner, L. D. Kilbey, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, W. D. Lloyd, D. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce, J. S. Hirdle Scott, Lt. P. J. T. Skelwith.

Badminton

FIRST ROUND MATCHES OF OPEN DOUBLES

Eardley And Smith Defeat Remedios And Carvalho

FIRST ROUND MATCHES in the Colony badminton doubles championship were played at King's College and Taikoo last night, as a result of which H. Eardley and N. L. Smith, C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin, and H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai entered the second round.

The results in full were: H. Eardley and N. L. Smith beat J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho (at King's College) 15-8, 13-15, 15-8. C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin beat F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (at King's College) 15-5, 15-17, 15-11. F. Koh and C. Y. Xung beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai (at Taikoo) 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

The opening match at King's College, which everyone expected would be the best of the evening, was very disappointing. Flashes of form were brief and far between. At most times, all four players, Eardley, Smith, Remedios and Carvalho, experienced difficulty with high shots, and committed frequent errors. In the first set, the ultimate winners concentrated on Carvalho, who was badly off form, and jumped into an 11-3 lead, before the Recoelo pair, mainly through Remedios, managed to strike anything like form.

They won five points, but it was the end, and the St. John's pair took the set at 15-3.

The second set was more even. Both sides took turns in the lead, and though Eardley and Smith were particularly brilliant mid-court and at the net, they were poor from the baseline, and the Recoelo pair eventually won 15-13.

The Recoelo rally had ended. The winners romped away into a 11-0 lead in the final set, and though Remedios came to the fore once more with some fine cross-court shots, he could not prevent the set going to Eardley and Smith at 15-3.

A GREATER struggle was seen in the second match. The Kwoks put up a very fine fight against a more brilliant pair of opponents. David Kwok was in fine fettle, but Frank was something of a passenger in the combination. Cheah and Chin took the first set at 15-5.

In the second set, the Kwoks showed something of an understanding, and established a lead at 10-5.

Riggs Gives Voice To His Life's Ambition

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (UP—By Air Express).—If ambition means anything, Bobby Riggs deserves some sort of medal. All he wants to do is win the national singles tennis championship three times, then start working for a living.

Since 1914, Big Bill Tilden and Fred Perry were the only ones to win the title as many as three times. Ellsworth Vines and Don Budge were right fair tennis players, but they won it but twice. Of course they succumbed to the call of gold and turned professional—something young Riggs never, never intends to do.

Bobby, 21 and on his honeymoon, took time out from his practice on the Roney-Plaza courts to explain:

"I'm interested in only one thing. I want to win the American title three times. I got my first leg on that trophy last summer, and now I'm going to do my darndest to win another this year, and the third one in 1941. Then, maybe, I can win it a couple of more times, retire, and devote all my time to the advertising business."

"A TOUGH TIME"

SINCE Riggs married Catherine Ann Fischer of Chicago in early December, he has played in three southern tournaments, and been beaten in all of them. His cocksureness of the past is gone.

Bobby even admitted he might have a "tough time" in winning the national three years in a row. A year ago, he wouldn't have minded predicting a five-year conquest in singles, doubles and mixed play, with no qualifications.

Riggs had a ready answer, however, for his recent defeats by Don McNeill, Bryan Grant and Henry Prusoff.

Tournament Hockey

Army Eleven To Meet Club To-Day

The following Army team will meet the Hongkong Hockey Club in the first match of the annual triangular hockey tournament between the Royal Navy, the Army and the Club. This game will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

Sgt. Dobson (R.E.); Pie, Stickle (M'x), and Datta Ram (Raj.); Sgt. Ure (M'x), Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Sgt. Croston (R.E.); Shah Wall (Raj.), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.), Lt. Pritam Nath (Raj.), Nerran Singh (Kumaons) and Portaub Singh (Kumaons).

and 13-7. The University pair woke up, and in a series of dazzling shots drew up to 12-13 before service changed hands again. The Kwoks won one more point, but on next service the Varsity pair levelled the score at 14-14. They settled three points.

Cheah and Chin led 1-0, and then the Kwoks drew level 1-1. The service changed hands several times without further score, and then the Kwoks gained the two points for the set at 17-15.

The third set was a repetition of the second. The scores were more or less even until the Kwoks were ahead at 11-10, but at this stage the Varsity pair jumped into "killing" form and scored five points in a row for the set and match.

Rugby Football

Further Seven-a-side Games This Afternoon On the Club Ground

(By "Fly-half")

IMPORTANT SEVEN'S ties are to be played off this afternoon on the Club ground, beginning at 4.30 p.m., and attendance at the match will mean support for the B.W.O.F.

ONLY ONE MATCH IN OPEN SINGLES

There was only one match in the Colony tennis championships played yesterday, J. L. C. Pearce beating Peter U in three sets, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3, in a poor game. Both players were guilty of over-hitting, and were both erratic and inaccurate.

The complete score were:

OPEN SINGLES
J.L.C. Pearce beat Peter U, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3.

OPEN DOUBLES
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould received walk-over from Wong Hoi-nang and Lee Chi-man.

HANDICAP SINGLES
G. W. Sewell (-4/0) beat A. T. Dow (-3/0) 6-1, 7-5.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. Armstrong (-15) beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (-15/2) 3-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Free Drinks At Lincoln Race Meeting

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Lincoln Town Council want ideas for improving their race meeting, where the Lincolnshire Handicap will be run on April 3. There is one reservation. They must not cost a lot of money.

An extensive rebuilding scheme which had been planned had to be shelved on account of the war.

Free hot drinks to patrons, and the provision of braziers in the public stands if the weather is bad are

Police, conquerors of the combined small units, should have little difficulty in advancing another step. Their display on Monday, however, was far from convincing, and the 8th Heavy Regt. "B" might surprise them.

H.M.S. ARAWA play the Royal Scots "A" at 4.50 p.m., and will have to minimise their tendency to over-kick if they are to score. They are actually the dark horses of the tournament, and might be able to penetrate the Scots' defence. However, I think the Scots, who are runners-up in the Army Sevens Tournament, will just gain the verdict.

THE BEST GAME

THE BEST GAME of the afternoon should be seen when Tamar and Small Ships "A" meet the Army Champions, the Royal Engineers. This match is at 5.10 p.m., and has all the possibilities of being the match of the tournament. Waite, captain of the Army side, has been tackling and attacking very well of late, and there is a possibility of his holding Clark so well as to give Paul little of the ball. In attack, Waite should be able to penetrate past Clark. Paul and Sevens, for Tamar, are a dangerous pair. A great deal will depend on the scrum-halves.

AT 5.30 P.M., 5th A.A. "B", replacing the Doctors team, will be up against a strong combination in the 8th Heavy Regt. The 8th should win by a big score.

AT 5.50 P.M., the Powerful Club "A" seven meet the 5th A.A. "A", conquerors of the Royal Scots "B". Club should win this encounter with ease.

among the suggestions now being considered.

The Council want to make Lincoln famous for its food, and special attention is being directed to the catering. The stands are to be decorated and the public room refurbished. Car parking arrangements have been revised to facilitate a quick get away.

If the war continues, there may be more than one meeting at Lincoln this year.

ARMSTRONG WANTS "NO MORE" OF GARCIA

JES CORTES, Manila boxing promoter who offered Ceferino Garcia and Henry Armstrong P80,000 to stage a return bout in Manila under his promotion, recently an answer from his representative in the States that Armstrong wants "no more" of Garcia.

The two fought to a draw recently and Cortes sought to get a return match for Manila.

The cable received by Cortes indicates that Armstrong believes Garcia is too big and powerful for

him, and has no plans of attempting to lift the Filipino box puncher's world middleweight crown.

As welterweights, Armstrong defeated Garcia.

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LABOUR CONSCRIPTION

SYDNEY.—Conscription of labour is absolutely out of the question, but many others are filled with concern that the vital task of obtaining labour's cooperation, continues to be neglected, said Mr. Stevens, former Premier of New South Wales.

R.A.A.F. CHAPLAIN

LONDON.—Rev. G. F. D. Smith, who was chaplain at Wormwood Scrubs Prison before the outbreak of the war, has become Squadron-Leader Chaplain of the R.A.A.F. and will soon leave for overseas service. He is on leave from his Sydney diocese and from his duties as chaplain at Sydney Children's Court.

R.A.A.F. RECRUITS

In announcing that three schools have been established to train officers under the Empire Scheme, the Minister for Air (Mr. Fairbairn) stated that 1100 officers of the important trade group are in training, and by June the instructional facilities will be adequate to deal with over 5000 men.

Schools in operation and the number of officers in attendance are as follows: Engineering School (Melbourne) 700, No. 1 School of Technical Training (Melbourne) 270, No. 2 School of Technical Training (Canberra) 110.

No. 3 School of Technical Training (Sydney), No. 4 School of Technical Training (Adelaide) will commence training courses commencing at technical schools in suburban towns next month.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

MELBOURNE.—No army in the war will have a better appointed medical service than Australia, said Mr. Street, Minister of Health, in a speech at the opening of the equipment and material of local origin.

The second general hospital for the A.I.F., largely manned by the southern command, will be furnished with all types of drugs, including the most modern anaesthetics and anaesthetic machines. Local industry has produced 20 sets of blood transfusion appliances, and most of the rubber equipment, including air pillows, sheeting, beds and tubing.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD

ARMIDALE.—The Armidale Municipal Council on Tuesday night upheld protests from several Armidale clergy and the local branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' League against the Town Hall being rented for broadcast addresses by Judge Rutherford.

Early in the month, a man booked the hall for religious meetings. It was discovered later the hall had been booked for broadcast addresses by Judge Rutherford. A motion refusing the application was carried unanimously.

WOMAN'S SUICIDE

ADELAIDE.—The Adelaide City Coroner, Mr. A. B. Blackburn, yesterday found that the immediate cause of a woman's suicide was a note left her by a man, saying that he was going away to sea.

The coroner found that Gladys Eva Spencer, 30, an English woman, died from gas poisoning, self-administered, on January 14. The note was left for Miss Spencer by Aubrey Stephens Waters, electrician, formerly of Sydney, and now of Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

OFFICER ATHLETE

SYDNEY.—Lieutenant-Colonel K. B. Fraser, of Perth, who is in camp with the A.I.F. Field Ambulance at Inverburn, surprised his men at the recent sports meeting by having an easy win in the 100 yards sprint, and by defeating all opponents in the throwing at the wicket event. He then ran a close second in the hurdle race.

It was not until after the meeting that the Field Ambulance learned that his Lieutenant-Colonel was the K. B. Fraser who, in the 1919 and 1920, won both the 100 yards sprint and the 120 yards hurdles. He was also runner-up in the broad jump finals of those two years. He was Sydney University's sprint and hurdle champion. Before he joined the A.I.F., Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser was Dr. Fraser, of Woolloomooloo.

LIEUT. GEN. SQUIRES

MELBOURNE.—The Chief of the General Staff (Lieutenant-General Squires), underwent a serious operation in a private hospital.

A.W.U. AND WAR

COOLANGATTA.—In a war policy statement at the A.W.U. Convention, the President (Mr. McNeill), said Australia's duty was to defend Australia, and that power was vitally needed here and he opposed sending forces overseas. He pointed out, however, that while he himself opposed this depletion of manpower, it was for A.W.U. men to make their own decisions and he would be betraying his trust if he interfered with the freedom of the Union in this regard. The Union policy was that of the Federal Labour Party.

NAVAL SLOOPS

MELBOURNE.—The Minister for Defence (Mr. Street) announced that work had begun on the building of four sloops in Australia for the Royal Australian Navy. The vessels, each of 700 tons, were being built by the Melbourne Harbour Trust at Williamstown, at Mr. Street's Dock and Cockatoo Island, Sydney, and at Maryborough, Queensland.

Mr. Street said the sloops would be employed in local defence duties, including coastal patrol, mine sweeping and anti-submarine warfare. The vessels would be modified versions of the Yarra and Swan, and would be used for training and war-time patrol. The estimated cost would be \$1,200,000 of which \$400,000 was being provided this financial year. It was expected the sloops would be ready for service within a year.



WITH THE DIGGERS.—Mr. William Morris Hughes, Australian war-time Prime Minister, and now Federal-Attorney General, posed with members of the "Old Brigade," who have declared themselves ready, willing and able to fight for their country again.

BUSH FIRES RAGE

SYDNEY.—Bushfires, which swept through the Yass district on Sunday and burnt off thousands of acres, destroyed thousands of pounds worth of fencing and killed many sheep.

Nurse Martin, of Brooklyn, travelled six miles through burning timber to attend a woman in childbirth at a country homestead. The child was born in an atmosphere of stifling heat and smoke in the homestead, which was surrounded by flames. The mother and infant were later taken to hospital through the still smouldering scrub.

In the Yass district, on the South Coast, and near Lithgow, men are on duty to give instant warning if fires again become dangerous. It is hoped, however, that rain will fall in time to check them.

Fires are still burning fiercely in the Blue Mountains. One fire recently was 500 yards off the Panorama Hotel at the top of the Jullia Pass, but has been held back by wind.

A.W.U. FOUNDER

MOREE.—Thomas David, aged 90, one of the founders of the Moree branch of the A.W.U., died in his bed at his home, Moree. Deceased, who was nude, apparently fell from his bed after collapsing from the heat.

It is stated he was related to the Royal Family of Ceylon, being a native of that island and a resident of Moree for over 50 years.

JENOLAN TRAGEDY

SYDNEY.—The body of Ursula Pauline Jenolan, 33, was found at the foot of the Grand Arch at Jenolan Caves at 2 a.m. It is believed she fell 320 feet from the cave above the Devils Coach House.

Miss Jenolan had been a member of the domestic staff at the Caves House for a month. She spoke to another member of the staff at 10 p.m. and later she was reported missing. A search party was organised and the body was found in a bed of a dry creek at the head of Blue Lake.

BITTEN BY SHARK

BRISBANE.—Police learnt to-day that a 12-year-old youth living at the suburb of Inverness, was bitten by a shark but was not seriously injured, when he dived into the Brisbane River near Ruttons Road, Ballist yesterday. It was gripped by the shoulder by a small shark, which relaxed its hold and made off.

FIRE AT A CAMP

MELBOURNE.—A fire destroyed a 20-room mansion used as headquarters at Broadmeadows Military Camp. The outbreak occurred soon after the workmen had left for lunch. A bucket of water was thrown on the fire, but it was not extinguished within 30 minutes. The cause of the fire is unknown.

TOTE RECORD

ROCKHAMPTON.—What is probably a world's record was established at Callaghan Park, when four dividends were paid on the daily double, as a result of dead-heat being declared in each of the events on which the double was conducted.

In the Encouragement Handicap, Lithorn and Golden Grail, in a dead-heat, and in the Foundation Handicap, Beau Cello and Golden Grail. At the previous meeting, the Co. defeated in the Second Division with Roi Denis.

1000 GUINEAS REFUSED

SYDNEY.—At Ingham and Co.'s blood-stock sales, Mr. Alan Cooper refused 1000 guineas for a Panchito bay colt by Mariner.

DONCASTER AND HANDICAP

Sydney bookmakers issued charts on the Doncaster Handicap-Sydney Cup double without waiting for the weights to be issued. Weights were issued on March 11, which is less than a fortnight before the running of the Doncaster, on Saturday March 23. The market is wide, with prices ranging up to 10,000 to 1. Alax shares Doncaster favouritism with three others. He is on the second line for the Cup, for which six horses share favouritism.

The order of fancy is: Doncaster Handicap, 1 mile, run on March 23: Ajax, Beau Livre, Pure Gold and Rex Felt; Adios, Chatterbox, Geebung, High Cast, Saluki, Carpenter, Dealing, Sevens, Six Fives, Son of Aroun, Reading and Teddies, St. Constant, Trim, Brownish, Mildura, Korimako and Curiosity.

Sydney Cup, 2 miles, run on March 25: Feminist, High Cast, Mosaic, Minkal, Parler and Royal Chief; Ajax, Beau Livre, Cooranga, Forster, Historian and Kelanga; Merry Mathew, Rivette, Reading, Sevens, Six Fives, Son of Aroun and Tomito; Round Up, Tei Asur, Yours Truly, Geebung and Old Bowley.

AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS

MELBOURNE.—The Davis Cup captain and manager, Harry Hopman, has announced his rankings for 1939-40: Brownish and Quist share No. 1 position, then comes

War-Time Difficulties Of The Press

Face Censorship And B.B.C. Competition

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The increased frequency of the Empire bulletin of the B.B.C. was mentioned at the annual meeting of the Empire Press Union, over which Major J. J. Astor presided.

Addressing the meeting, Major Astor discussed the handicaps imposed by the war conditions upon the overseas Press which had, among other things, to contend with transmission and censorship delays, and the fact that sometimes messages for overseas were censored while their contents were passed for publication in the United Kingdom.

There was also the increased frequency of the B.B.C. Empire news bulletins which were obviously becoming a difficult point.

But he claimed that the frequent and persistent representations by the Union had brought about improved facilities for the Press, particularly in connection with censorship.

Sir Rodrick Jones discussing the B.B.C. news broadcasts, said that in the home field, every endeavour had been made and, he thought, with success, to keep the element of competition away.

As regards news broadcasts all over the world, they all felt that the B.B.C. could discharge its great duty to the nation and Empire and yet not behave in a manner which was competitive with the interests of the overseas Press.

Major Astor was re-elected President.

Mr. Welles At No. 10 Downing St.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles lunched with Sir John Simon at No. 11 Downing Street to-day then had a short talk with Sir Alexander Cadogan after which they went to the Admiralty.

There they saw Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. Anthony Eden and then, at Mr. Welles' request, he will see Mr. Lloyd George.

JAMAICA'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Four hundred and eighty cases of Jamaican rum, valued at £300, and 150 barrels of coffee are among the day's contributions made by the Jamaica Publicity Committee out of the £30,000 collected for war fund purposes.

NAZIS FEVERISH EFFORTS TO GET RUMANIAN OIL

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, in reply to a question whether during recent weeks German interests had intensified their efforts to acquire control of Rumanian oil companies, said that the Government was fully aware that German interests were constantly making every effort to increase the quantities of oil available for purchase by Germany.

This at all times was the subject of close attention by the Government.

EMPIRE WILL BE REMEMBERED

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, said that in planning the development of export trade, he would certainly bear in mind the special position of the Empire countries and the necessity of forming an organisation of expansion between Imperial trade which will be necessary at the end of the war.

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE PACT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The War-time Trade Agreement was introduced to-day on behalf of the British and Danish Governments to facilitate the normal flow of trade as far as possible under the present conditions.

The Committee already in existence will deal with questions arising under the new agreement.

Hongkong Still Pays For 'All Up' Air Mail Service

DURING the current financial year, Hongkong will pay \$581,355 for the carriage of mail to and from the Colony.

Of this total only \$100,000 will be paid for the carriage of sea-going mail, the balance being expended on Air Mail Payments (\$152,542) and Air Mail Subsidy (\$328,813).

Although the Vote for Air Mail Payments was introduced in connection with the Empire "All Up" scheme, which was abandoned last September with the outbreak of war, it has, far from being omitted from the current year's Estimates, been increased.

In 1930, before the commencement of any air mail services, Carriage of Mail cost the Colony the grand total of \$140,000.

In the following year it leapt to \$209,899 and, in addition, an Air Mail Subsidy of \$110,120 was introduced in connection with the Bangkok-Hongkong service, which started that year.

The "All Up" Scheme commenced in September, 1939. In that year, in addition to expenditure of \$389,235 on carriage of mails and \$100,722 on Air Mail Subsidy, a vote of \$29,872 was passed for three months of the All-Up Air Mail scheme.

Vote Increased

Last year, while the vote for carriage of mails by sea was reduced to \$100,000, the vote for Air Mail Payments increased to \$328,813, while the vote for Air Mail Subsidy increased to \$230,051. As the "All Up" Scheme ceased in September, Air Mail Payment should, presumably, not be made after that date. Nevertheless, it is included in the current estimates and is expected to total \$152,542 or, if Air Mail Subsidy is included, \$481,353.

Questioned on the subject yesterday, the Postmaster General, Mr. R.A.D. Forbes said that the Votes for the carriage of Air Mail this year would not be reduced, despite the discontinuance of the "All Up" scheme.

"Now that the planes have fewer passengers and less mail, it is all the

U.S. NAVAL EXPANSION

Huge Expenditure Bill Is Passed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day approved the Vinson Naval Expansion Bill after a four hour debate. "Let Europe know we can speak the language of force," urged Representative Carl Vinson, sponsor of the Bill and Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee when he opened the debate.

"This is cheap insurance for the peace and security of this country, and it is our first duty to have a Navy adequate for the protection of the United States."

\$655,000,000 Expenditure

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives to-day passed and sent to the Senate a Bill authorising the expenditure of \$655,000,000 on the expansion of the United States Navy and its air force in the next two years.

The Bill is designed to give the United States fleet 21 new combat ships, 22 auxiliary vessels and 1,011 war planes.

The Bill met little opposition.

I.R.A. Saboteurs Sentenced

DUBLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Sentences of 12 years' imprisonment each were imposed on John Parnell, John Lyons and Joseph McDermott by a special Criminal Court here to-day on charges arising out of the Phoenix Park magazine raid.

Disciplinary Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—DUBLIN, Mar. 12 (UP).—Three members of the I.R.A. were sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment each to-day for their part in the Phoenix Park raid.

They were John Parnell, Joseph McDermott and John Lyons.

Two Colonels of the Eire Army have been reduced to half pay as a result of the raid.

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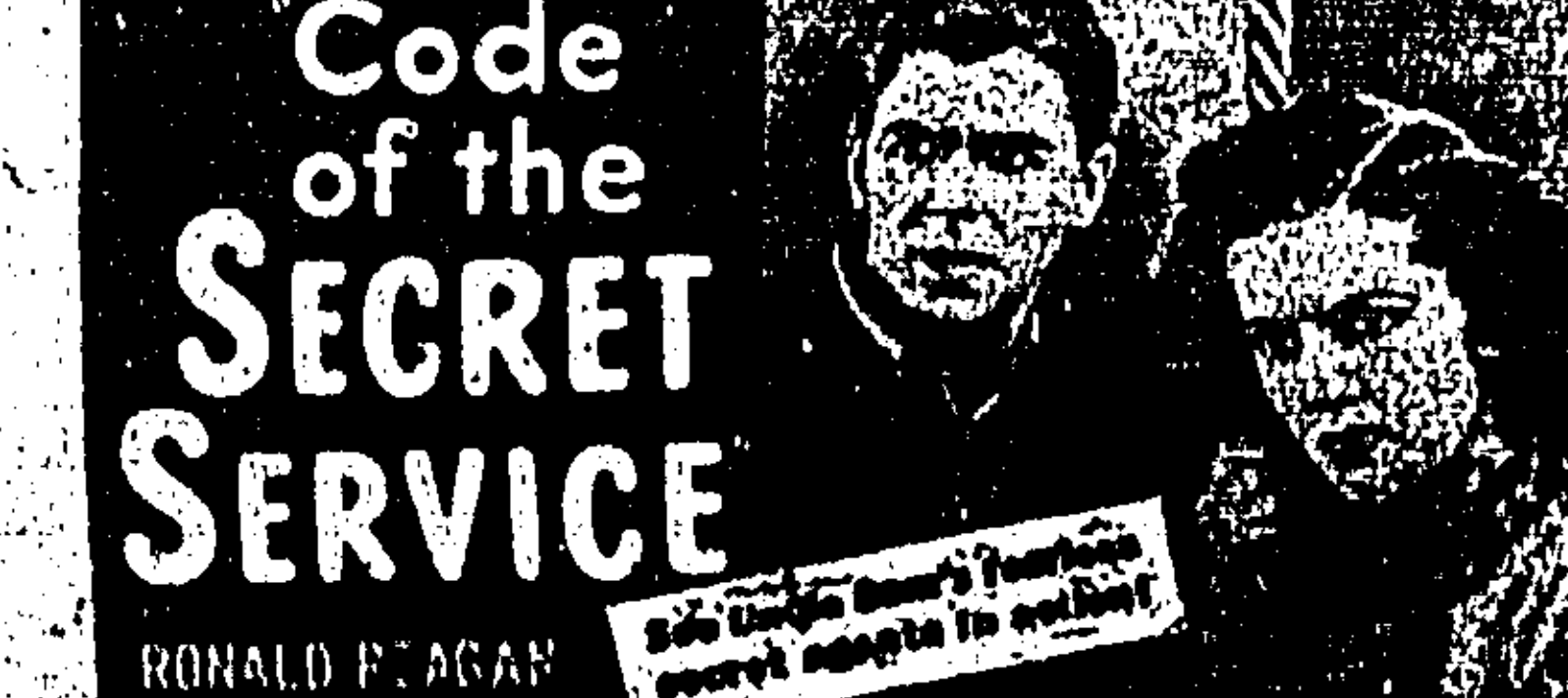
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Desperate Fight For Viborg

Hostilities Continue Until The End

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué stated that the enemy succeeded in advancing a little yesterday on the north-west shore of the Bay of Viborg.

The Russian attacks east of Viborg were repulsed except in the direction of Pali, where fighting continues.

Enemy attempts to advance on the ice at Vuoksen were repulsed.

The Finnish air force bombed enemy troops, artillery and tank columns.

Soviet planes bombed several places. Two people were killed and 15 enemy planes were shot down.

Mowing Down Attackers
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Desperate fighting is raging to-night over the suburbs of Viborg.

The Finns, entrenched in the ruins of empty houses, are mowing down the attackers with withering machine-gun fire.

Shells of every calibre rain upon the town, starting fires which the Finns do not attempt to extinguish.

As the Russians advance in masses, the Finns retire strategically to fresh positions, making the Russians pay dearly for the ground gained.

Fantastic Russian Losses
It is estimated that the Russians hitherto have lost between 300,000 and 400,000 men and are still losing 4,000 to 5,000 daily.

The Finns are reported to have lost 2,000 young officers in the isthmus.

May Be Last Communique
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (UP).—In what may be one of the last communiqués to be issued, the Finnish High Command claims to-day that a total of 587 Russian planes have been brought down in the 104 days of war with Russia.

A total of 1,488 tanks and 285 guns were captured or destroyed during the same period.

Japanese Has Code-Book

Fined \$20 To-day In Kowloon Court

A Japanese, Chikazo Yoshino, 50, described as a commercial clerk, residing at No. 10 Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong, was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with possession of a code book without permission from the Governor.

Sergeant E. J. Stewart, of the Special Branch, stated that he visited the defendant's residence at 9.30 a.m. yesterday and questioned the defendant, who produced a commercial code-book. He said that it had been given him by his firm and that he had not used it since the declaration of war.

No Proof He Had Used It

Sergeant Stewart agreed that the Police had no proof that Yoshino had used the code-book since the declaration of war.

Speaking in good English, Yoshino told the Court that the code book had been given him by his firm.

His Worship fined the defendant \$20 and ordered the code-book to be confiscated for the duration of the war.

VIOLATIONS BY NAZI PLANES

BRUSSELS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador to Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest at the flight of German planes over Belgian territory to-day.

Two foreign planes, it is reported, flew over Liege at mid-day and were fired on by A.A. batteries. They were also pursued by fighters.

Two hours later more planes flew over Liege and were fired at.

Intruder Escapes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRUSSELS, Mar. 12 (UP).—It is semi-officially announced that a squadron of Belgian pursuit planes attacked a foreign plane to-day.

The intruder is believed to have been a German machine.

Belgian planes took off immediately the unknown machine was sighted and intercepted it over Marchiennes. The intruder escaped.

Black-out Adds To Juvenile Crime

One-sixth of the crime in Brighton during the past year has been committed by juveniles, the number of young offenders having risen by 45 to 224.

These facts are disclosed in the Chief Constable's annual report. It adds that shopbreaking and the number of people killed and injured in street accidents also have increased as the result of the black-out.

LATE NEWS

Official Russian Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (UP).—The following official announcement was issued at 3 a.m. Moscow Time (10 a.m. H.K.T.) to-day:

"A peace treaty has been signed between Soviet Russia and Finland. From March 7 to March 12 negotiations took place in Moscow between representatives of the U.S.S.R.—Molotov, Zhidakov and Vasilevski—and representatives of the Finnish Government—Premier Ryti, M. Pensio, General Walden and Professor Voimann—regarding the question of ceasing military operations and the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries.

The negotiations ended on March 12 with the signing of a peace treaty between Soviet Russia and Finland.

Terms Of Treaty
"The following are the terms of the Treaty:

"1. The President of the Supreme Soviet and the President of the Finnish Republic, led by their desire to cease war operations and to create strong and amicable relations, and convinced that friendly relations will assure the mutual safety as well as the safety of their cities, particularly Leningrad, Murmansk and the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway, have decided to appoint their representatives for conducting negotiations.

"They have then appointed their representatives, on the Soviet side Mm. Molotov, Zhidakov and Vasilevski and on the Finnish side Ryti, Pensio, Walden and Voimann.

Nine Points
"The above representatives have agreed to the following nine points:

"1.—Military operations between Soviet Russia and Finland will halt at once in accordance with the attached protocol.

"2.—New State frontiers will be fixed along a new line, according to which the following territories will be included in Soviet Russia—the whole of the Karelian Isthmus with the city of Viborg and the Bay of Viborg, with the islands and territory of the Bay of Viborg north of Murjarvi and Kouvola and a number of islands in the Gulf of Finland.

"The precise line of the frontier will be fixed by a Joint Commission within ten days of the signing of the treaty.

Non-Aggression Pledge
"3.—Both countries will give a pledge of Non-Aggression against each other and will not conclude any alliances or participate in any coalitions directed against the other signatory.

"4.—The Finnish Republic must give on lease the peninsula of Hangoe for a period of thirty years with an area of five miles south and east of Hangoe, and three miles west and north of Hangoe. Russia will make annual payments of 8,000,000 Finnish Marks for the lease of this territory. Finland agrees to the establishment there of Soviet military bases, and Soviet Russia will have the right to place there a number of troops. Finland must clear the peninsula of Hangoe of all its troops within ten days of the signing of this treaty, whereafter Hangoe will come under Soviet administration.

Withdrawal From Petsamo
"5.—Soviet Russia agrees to withdraw all her troops from the Petsamo area, which has been given to Finland in accordance with the Peace Treaty of 1920. Finland must abstain from keeping in the waters of Petsamo any war ships larger than 100 tons, but has the right to keep there no more than 15 war vessels up to 400 tons each, which is in accordance with the Peace Treaty of 1920.

"Finland, in compliance with the same treaty, has no right to keep there any submarines or war aircraft, and no right to build naval bases, or other military establishments, other than those necessary for the upkeep of her ships situated there.

Free Transit Into Norway
"6.—Soviet Russia and the citizens of Soviet Russia shall have the right of free transit through the Petsamo region into Norway and back, and will be permitted to establish a consulate at Petsamo. Goods from Russia to Norway or from Norway to Russia will be sent through the Petsamo area, free from control and free from transit duties. Soviet citizens proceeding to Norway or returning from Norway shall have the right of free transit on the basis of their passports. Soviet non-military planes shall have the right of free movement over the Petsamo region for communications between Russia and Norway.

"7.—Finland agrees to grant territory between Russia and Sweden via the shortest route for a new railway, which will be jointly by the two countries, possibly during 1940. The route will be between Kandahakka and Kemijarvi.

New Trade Treaty
"8.—With the signing of this treaty both countries will renew economic relations and will undertake to negotiate a new trade treaty.

"9.—This treaty comes into force at once and is to be ratified. The exchange of Ratification Notes must take place not later than ten days in Moscow.

"This treaty has been made in Helsinki, Finland, on March 12, 1940.

OPPOSITION TO TERMS GROWS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (UP).—There are many indications that strong opposition is developing in the Diet debate at the reported Russian terms for peace.

Army circles are providing the spearhead of the opposition. Despite foreign reports, circles here maintain that the delegation headed by the Finnish Prime Minister was not given full power to conclude peace.

No Confirmation
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (UP).—An official Finnish announcement, released through the Finnish News Agency and obviously inspired by the Finnish Foreign Office, said: "The Finnish News Bureau has been made aware of the fact that several foreign broadcasts have announced that a peace treaty has been agreed upon between Soviet Russia and Finland.

"However, at 2 a.m. to-day (9 a.m. H.K.T.) no confirmation had been received from our delegation."

Bombers' Range Doubled

By WILLIAM COURTENAY

A NEW device for refuelling in the air, which I have just inspected at a South of England aerodrome, will, I believe, extend the range of night bombers from 2,000 to 4,000 miles.

The importance of this is obvious. Bombers would be able to fly to targets in Germany by circuitous routes and approach them from unsuspected quarters.

They would be able to stand and fight, and still have plenty of fuel for a long flight at full throttle.

Heavier Load
The twin-engined night bomber is a big machine. Its normal range of 2,000 miles is considerably reduced if the engines are opened out to full power to avoid anti-aircraft fire or enemy fighters.

By refuelling in the air they would be able to take off lightly loaded and receive up to an additional 1,000 gallons of petrol from tankers flying above them.

The mechanism has been so cleverly devised that it is impossible for the aircraft to collide, and the operation can be carried out in wet or bumpy weather without difficulty.

In the case of the Atlantic flying boats, it has been possible for a four-engined boat which normally loads to 40,500 lb. to carry 55,000 lb. when refueled from the air.

They could never have taken off the water with this load.

Divorce For Jill Esmond

Laurence Olivier And Vivien Leigh

A decree nisi, with costs, was granted in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Jill Esmond Olivier, known on the stage as Jill Esmond, on the ground of the adultery of her husband, Laurence Olivier, the actor. The suit was not defended.

The marriage took place in July, 1930, at All Saints' Church, Margaret-street, Marylebone, and Mr. and Mrs. Olivier lived at Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, and Roland-gardens, South Kensington.

The case for Mrs. Olivier, whose address was given as Queen's-grove, N.W., was that the marriage was very happy for six years, but in 1937 her husband told her he was in love with Mrs. Vivien Leigh Holman (Vivien Leigh, the actress), with whom he had made films. Mr. and Mrs. Olivier separated in June, 1937, and had not lived together since.

Evidence was given on affidavit in support of a charge that Mr. Olivier and Mrs. Holman had committed adultery at Christchurch-street, Chelsea.

The custody of the child of the marriage was granted to Mrs. Olivier.

Grace Fields's Decree
The decree granted to Grace Fields for divorce from Archie Pitt, the theatrical manager, was among 288 decrees nisi made absolute by Mr. Justice Langton.

Civilisation 1940

Anyone blinded in an air raid will receive free treatment at St. Dunstan's Hospital, near Brighton.

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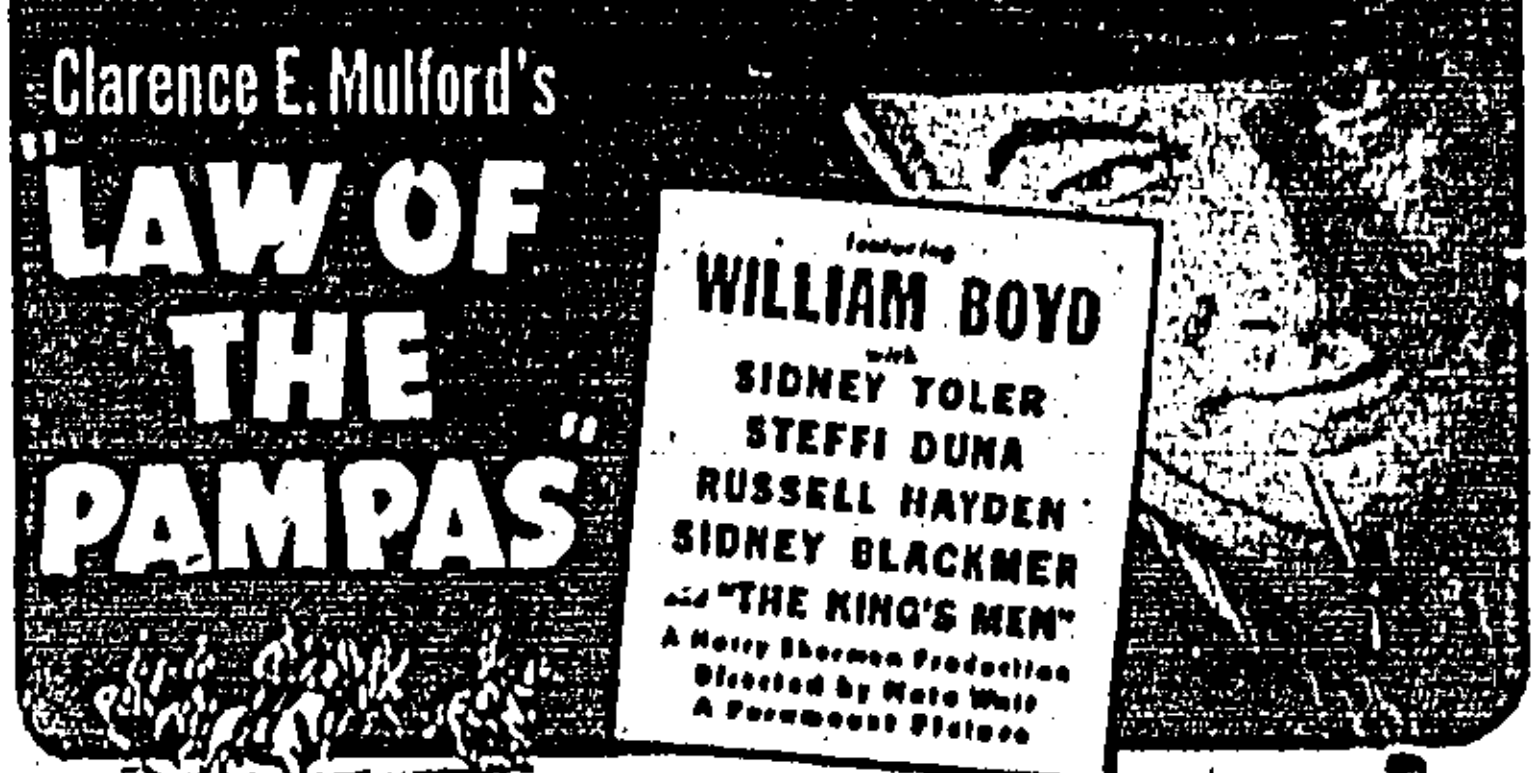
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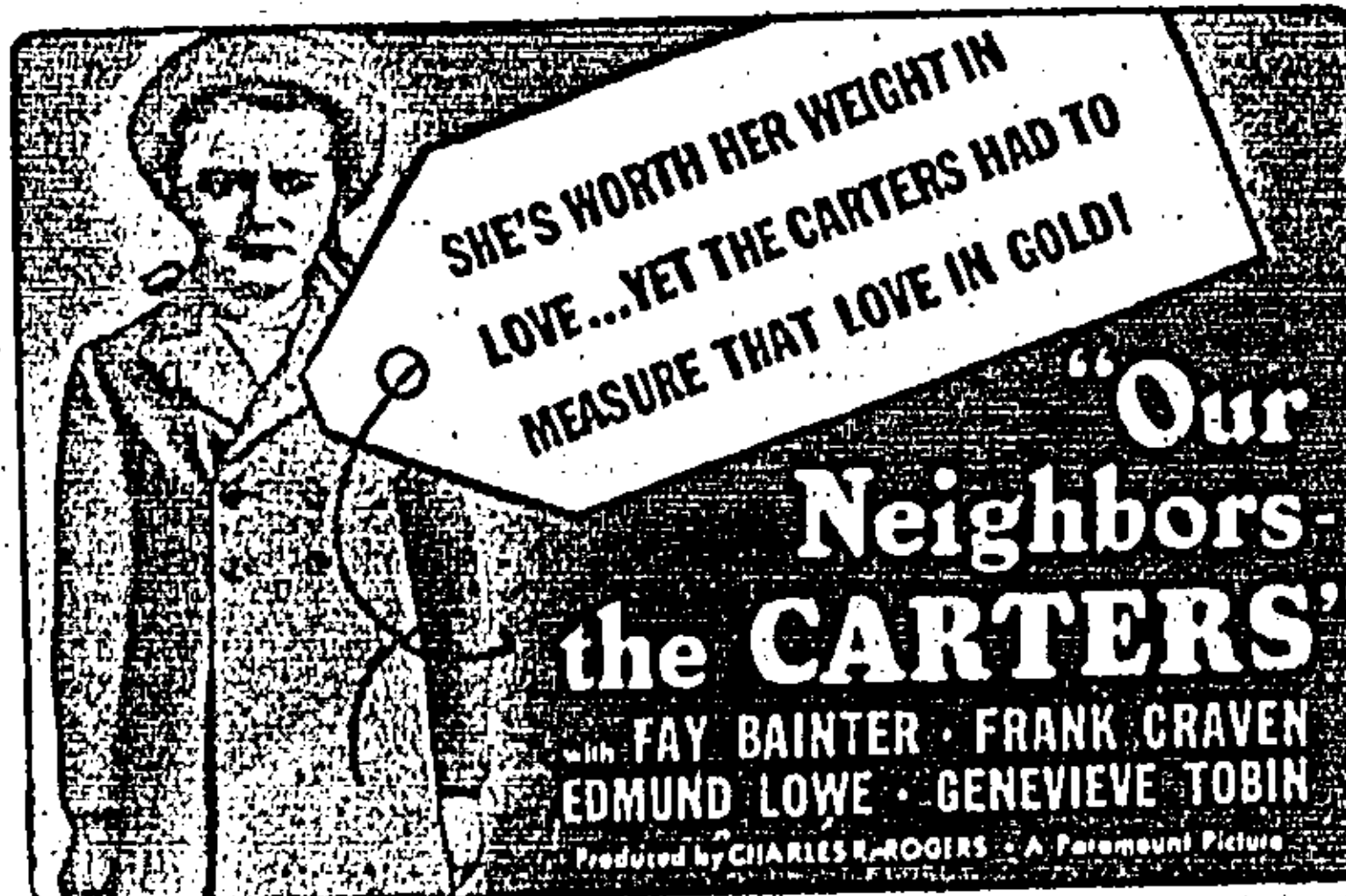
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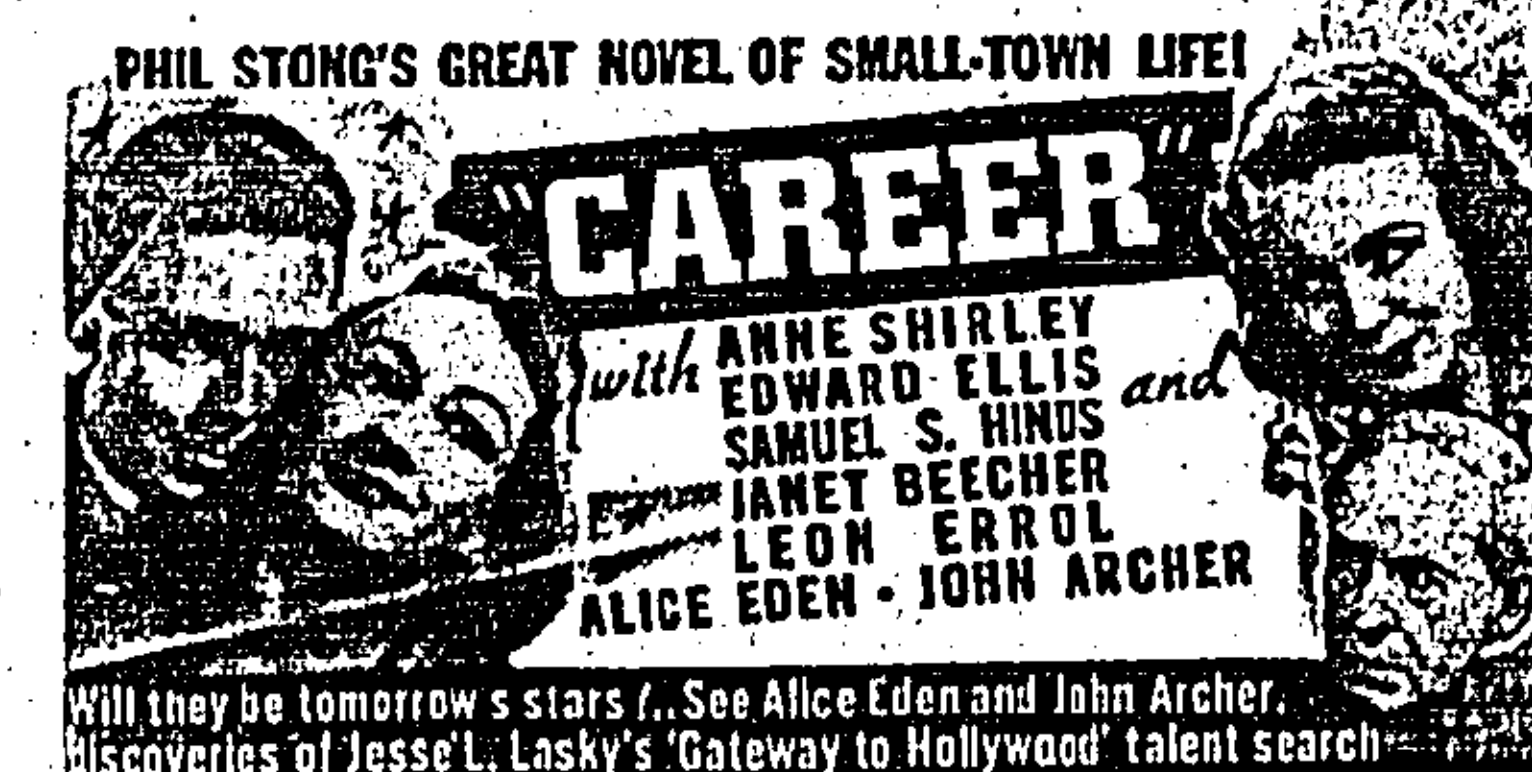
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Helsingfors Denies Validity Of Treaty

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS CAUSE CABINET CRISIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A SERIOUS SPLIT HAS BECOME EVIDENT IN THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE FINNISH DELEGATION OF RUSSIA'S TERMS FOR PEACE.

The delegation, which is reported to have signed the extraordinarily harsh terms imposed by the Soviet, is headed by the Prime Minister, Dr. Rytty. The Finnish plenipotentiaries are now returning to Helsingfors, via Sweden.

Bombshell Announcement
The Finnish Government exploded a bomb shell when, four hours after it was announced that the Finnish Premier had signed an agreement in Moscow, it issued a communique, denying any knowledge of reports that peace had been signed. The communique emphasised that the Finnish Diet alone was competent to decide whether Russia's terms should be accepted.

A "Reuter" message quotes Helsingfors-Radio as defiantly announcing that the Finnish Army will continue to defend the independence of Finland to the end.

Army To Stand Firm
"Our Army will stand as firm as a rock," the announcement said. "Every soldier is prepared to defend the country to his last drop of blood."

A further "Reuter" message reported that the Finnish Parliament had been called to discuss the Russian terms. Parliament was still sitting in secret session at 11.30 p.m. (6.30 a.m. H.K.T.).

Three Resignations
A "Domei" message from Copenhagen reports that the Finnish Foreign Minister, M. Tanner, has tendered his resignation as a result of the decision of his Premier to accept the Russian terms. This announcement was quickly followed by a "Reuter" message from Paris, which states that the Finnish Ministers for War and Education have also resigned in protest at Dr. Rytty's action.

Dr. Rytty and the members of the peace mission are already en route to Helsingfors, via Stockholm, with PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Peace In Finland Will Affect European War

BERLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Conclusion of the Russo-Finnish peace treaty was announced in a Moscow despatch to the official German news agency.

The despatch says that the most important points in the treaty are

- 1.—Immediate discontinuance of all military operations on both sides;
- 2.—Cession of the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg, to the Soviet;
- 3.—A military base on the peninsula of Hangoe to be ceded to the Soviet.

Details Awaited
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The prospect of peace between the Soviet and Finland has led diplomats here to speculate on the prospects of mediation in Europe's major war.

Increased importance has been attached to the Welles Mission, and neutral quarters have expressed the view that the Finnish peace may encourage President Roosevelt to suggest mediation in the Allied-German conflict in which a stalemate is expected to continue because the Finnish peace will enormously reduce the possibility of creating a new battlefield in Scandinavia.

Other repercussions expected include a further cementing of the Soviet-German partnership because Russia will be able now to give more economic help.

History Of Peace Talks
LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Discussing the peace talks between Moscow and Rome, a diplomatic observer of the BBC said yesterday that diplomatic activity in Europe since the week-end had become clearer.

The main points about the Moscow talks, in particular, can now be traced. The initiative came from Russia which on February 22, through the Russian Ambassador to London, asked the British Government to pass on an offer for peace. In return for a crippling concession.

The British Government was not prepared even to pass on such terms. Moscow then approached Sweden which passed on the Russian terms although the Swedish Foreign Minister has been at pains to point out that in this matter Sweden acted as a postman rather than as a mediator.

Little Known Of Talks
Presumably discussion followed through a third party and, to Moscow's invitation, a strong Finnish delegation was sent to Russia to discuss terms.

Little is known about these talks despite over-optimistic reports from Stockholm.

In arriving at this decision the Finnish Government knows that the PLEASE Turn To Page 2.



NEAR EAST TENSION

Russians Evacuating
Black Sea Port

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Mar. 13 (Domei).—Reports from the Soviet-Turkish frontier in the Caucasus state that the Russian authorities are evacuating all women and children from Batumi, the Black Sea port.

The Soviet action is believed to reflect the increasing tension in the Near East.

It is thought that Batumi would become the immediate target for an Allied attack in the event of either Britain or France becoming involved in hostilities with Russia.

QUITO, Ecuador, Mar. 12 (UP).—Infantile paralysis in the interior provinces is reported to be reaching alarming proportions.

Russians Capture Viborg

In Possession Of
Shattered City

STOCKHOLM, MAR. 13 (UP).—MOSCOW-RADIO REPORTS THAT THE RED ARMY IS NOW IN COMPLETE POSSESSION OF VIBORG, WHICH THEY ENTERED YESTERDAY. FURTHER DETAILS ARE LACKING.

Although peace terms are reported to have been agreed upon, heavy fighting still continues. The armistice does not become operative until noon on Wednesday (6 p.m. H.K.T.).

Hostilities Continue Until

The End
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—To-day's communique stated that the enemy succeeded in advancing a little yesterday on the northwest shore of the Bay of Viborg.

The Russian attacks east of Viborg were repulsed twice in the direction of Pail, where fighting continues. Enemy attempts to advance on the ice at Vuoksen were repulsed. The Finnish air force bombed enemy troops, artillery and tank columns.

Soviet planes bombed several places. Two people were killed and 15 enemy planes were shot down.

Mowing Down Attackers

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Desperate fighting is raging to-night over the suburbs of Viborg. The Finns, entrenched in the ruins of empty houses, are mowing down the attackers with withering machine-gun fire.

Shells of every calibre rain upon the town, starting fires which the Finns do not attempt to extinguish. As the Russians advance in masses, the Finns retire strategically to fresh positions, making the Russians pay dearly for the ground gained.

Fantastic Russian Losses

It is estimated that the Russians suffered between 300,000 and 400,000 men and are still losing 4,000 to 5,000 daily.

The Finns are reported to have lost 2,000 young officers in the Isthmus.

May Be Last Communique

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (UP).—In what may be one of the last communique to be issued, the Finnish High Command claims to-day that a total of 507 Russian planes have been brought down in the 104 days of war with Russia.

A total of 1,400 tanks and 293 guns were captured or destroyed during the same period.

**Failed To Notify
New Address**

A nominal fine of \$5 was imposed on Charles Edward Clarke when he was summoned before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning for failing to notify the Registration of Persons' Office of his change of address.

Defendant said he had moved to his new address at 17 Ho Mun Tin Hill and the matter had slipped his memory.

Det-Sergeant Hill said the Police were not pressing the case as they regarded the offence as an oversight on defendant's part.

MOSCOW, MAR. 13 (UP).—THE WAR IN FINLAND IS OVER. A SOVIET-FINNISH PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED EARLY THIS MORNING, THE TERMS STIPULATING THAT HOSTILITIES WILL CEASE AT NOON TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY). (6 P.M. H.K.T.).

SOVIET TROOPS ARE TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW BORDER BY 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

THE PEACE TERMS INCLUDE THE CESSION OF THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS AND THE CITY OF VIBORG TO RUSSIA AND THE LEASE OF HANGOE AS A NAVAL BASE FOR 30 YEARS.

CESSION OF VIBORG AND THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS MEANS THAT FINLAND WILL LOSE THE MANNERHEIM LINE AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE LAKE LADOGA AREA. THE AGREEMENT MUST BE RATIFIED BY BOTH THE SOVIET AND FINNISH DIETS.

Allied Troops For Finland

Daladier Says France
Has Big Body Ready

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—M. Daladier, the French Premier, in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, said that ships were waiting to take a body of French troops to aid Finland.

The troops had been ready since February 26.

The British Government had taken similar measures.

The strength of this expeditionary force was 50,000 men.

Send Bombers

France had sent a number of ultra-modern bombers a few days ago. These must have already arrived in Finland.

The French and British Governments were awaiting a direct public appeal from the Finnish Government.

M. Daladier said that he had informed the Finnish Minister yesterday that France was determined to give Finland all possible aid.

Allies' Warning

M. Daladier also stated that on March 3 he had informed the Finnish Minister that the Allies were ready to send immediate help, and if Finland did not appeal to them for Allied intervention, the Allies could not assume responsibility for the status of Finland at the end of the war.

M. Daladier said that the Finnish Minister told him that a definite answer would be sent on March 12, after the meeting of the Finnish Parliament.

M. Daladier explained that this appeal was necessary because Norway and Sweden were opposed to the passage of Allied troops.

"Because of this attitude, it was impossible to go to Finland's aid unless we had received a direct appeal from Finland."

M. Daladier emphasised that hitherto a direct public appeal from the Finnish Government for further help had not been received by either the French or the British Governments. He was waiting for this appeal.

No Appeal Received

M. Daladier said that the Finnish Government and Marshal Mannerheim had repeatedly expressed appreciation of the valuable aid given by France.

The French Premier said that the decision to send men to Finland, if wanted, was taken by the Allied War Council on February 3.

A large number of ships had been waiting in two great ports.

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Fighting Slackens

According to a report from Helsingfors, fighting is slackening on the Finnish fronts, but yesterday it was impossible to confirm that it had ceased entirely.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13 (UP).—In consequence of the reports of peace the Stockholm stock exchange registered a violent rise, prices advancing on an average of six crowns.

OFFICIAL RUSSIAN STATEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Mar. 13 (UP).—The following official announcement was issued at 3 a.m. Moscow Time (10 a.m. H.K.T.) to-day:

"A peace treaty has been signed between Soviet Russia and Finland.

"From March 7 to March 12 negotiations took place in Moscow between representatives of the U.S.S.R.—Molotov, Zhdanov and Vasilevski—and representatives of Finland—Premier Rytty, M. Paasiviki, General Walden and Professor Voimmaa—regarding the question of ceasing military operations and the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries.

"The negotiations ended on March 12 with the signing of a peace treaty between Soviet Russia and Finland.

Terms Of Treaty
The following are the terms of the Treaty:

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet and the President of the Finnish Republic, led by their desire to cease war operations and to create strong and amicable relations, and convinced that friendly relations will assure the mutual safety as well as the safety of their cities, particularly Leningrad, Murmansk, and the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway, have decided to appoint their representatives for conducting negotiations.

"They have then appointed their representatives on the Soviet side Mr. Molotov, Zhdanov and Vasilevski, and on the Finnish side Rytty, Paasiviki, Walden and Voimmaa.

Nine Points
The above representatives have agreed to the following nine points:

"1.—Military operations between Soviet Russia and Finland will halt at once in accordance with the attached protocol.

"2.—New State frontiers will be fixed along a new line, according to which the following territories will be included in Soviet Russia: the whole of the Karelian Isthmus with the city of Viborg and the Bay of Viborg, with the islands and territory of the Bay of Viborg north of Merijarvi and Kuoliarvi and a

number of islands in the Gulf of Finland.

"The precise line of the frontier will be fixed by a Joint Commission within ten days of the signing of the treaty.

Non-Aggression Pledge
"3.—Both countries will give a pledge of Non-Aggression against each other and will not conclude any alliances or participate in any coalitions directed against the other signatory.

"4.—The Finnish Republic must give on lease the peninsula of Hangoe for a period of thirty years with an area of five miles south and east of Hangoe, and three miles west and north of Hangoe. Russia will make annual payments of 3,000,000 Finnish Marks for the lease of this territory. Finland must clear the peninsula of Hangoe of all its troops within ten days of the signing of this treaty, whereafter Hangoe will come under Soviet administration.

Withdrawal From Petsamo
"5.—Soviet Russia agrees to withdraw all her troops from the Petsamo area, which has been given to Finland in accordance with the Peace Treaty of 1920. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

LATEST

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Further Late News

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS 25 words \$2.50 for 3 days prepaid WANTED TO BUY.

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DOG SHOW. Photographs of all the prize winners and dozens of other entries. On view and orders taken at the Mayfair Studio, corner Haiphong and Nathan Roads, Kowloon. (Opposite Dairy Farm).

EAT MORE PEARS FOR YOUR Health. American Fresh Pears, fully ripened for immediate use, special \$1.20 per doz. Buy at once before stock exhausted. Tin Hop Produce Co., 40 Des Voeux Road Central, Telephone 24412.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name, Amount. Includes H.K. Banks, Chartered, Mercantile, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Insurance Company, Amount. Includes Canton, Union, China Underwriters, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Shipping Line, Amount. Includes Douglas, Steamships, Indo-China, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Docks, Amount. Includes Wharves, Docks, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Mining, Amount. Includes Karlin, Raub, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Lands, Amount. Includes Hotels, Lands, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Utilities, Amount. Includes Tram, Peak Tram, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Industries, Amount. Includes Cold Macg, Canton, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Cotton Mills, Amount. Includes Ewo Sh, Shui Cotton, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Miscellaneous, Amount. Includes H.K. Entertainment, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Bonds, Amount. Includes H.K. Govt, etc.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

1940-1941

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 19th March, 1940, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Fish, Cheese, Butter, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities, for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. V. HOBBS, Surgeon Captain, Medical Officer in Charge, Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong, 13th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager, Hongkong, 11th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 26th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

of a great war of national liberation against Japanese imperialism.

Soldiers Go To Court About Rents

Judge Tells Veteran: Don't Worry, I'll Look After the Family

TWO soldiers went to court in England recently to tell the judges of the plight of their wives and families through rent arrears.

At Brentford County Court Judge Druequer said to Private William Stubbs: "Don't you worry. While you are abroad I'll look after them."

At Clerkenwell Private Reid protested, "Is this the way they look after the dependants of a serving soldier?" when an order was made against his wife. Stubbs told the judge: "I am an old soldier, aged 51, and when I volunteered in September I did think my family would have to suffer."

He added that since the judge had suspended the possession order as long as he paid 15s. rent, the Army had granted him 21s. a week rent allowance. He asked for a stay of execution, and the judge allowed him another two months' grace.

Earned £9 A Week

Before the war Stubbs earned £9 a week with his stall at Brixton market, and owed not a penny. "I have had 20 years of Army service," he said at his home in Feltham Road, Ashford, "and sacrificed a lot when I joined up again. But how can an old soldier keep away?"

Income 43s., Rent 20s.

Reid's wife, who lives in Archway Road, Highgate, said she has been unable to pay the rent since her husband was called up.

She had three children and her allowance was £7 3s. a week. The rent was £1 and the arrears £15.

After the husband had given evidence Judge Earengy commented: "The fact that you are on war service does not justify you in refusing to pay rent. Landlords have been badly hit."

"Tried To Do Justice"

He would adjourn the case generally on the understanding that Mrs. Reid should pay 15s. a week until she got a hardship allowance, permitting her to pay the full rent and something of arrears, the first 15s. to be paid immediately.

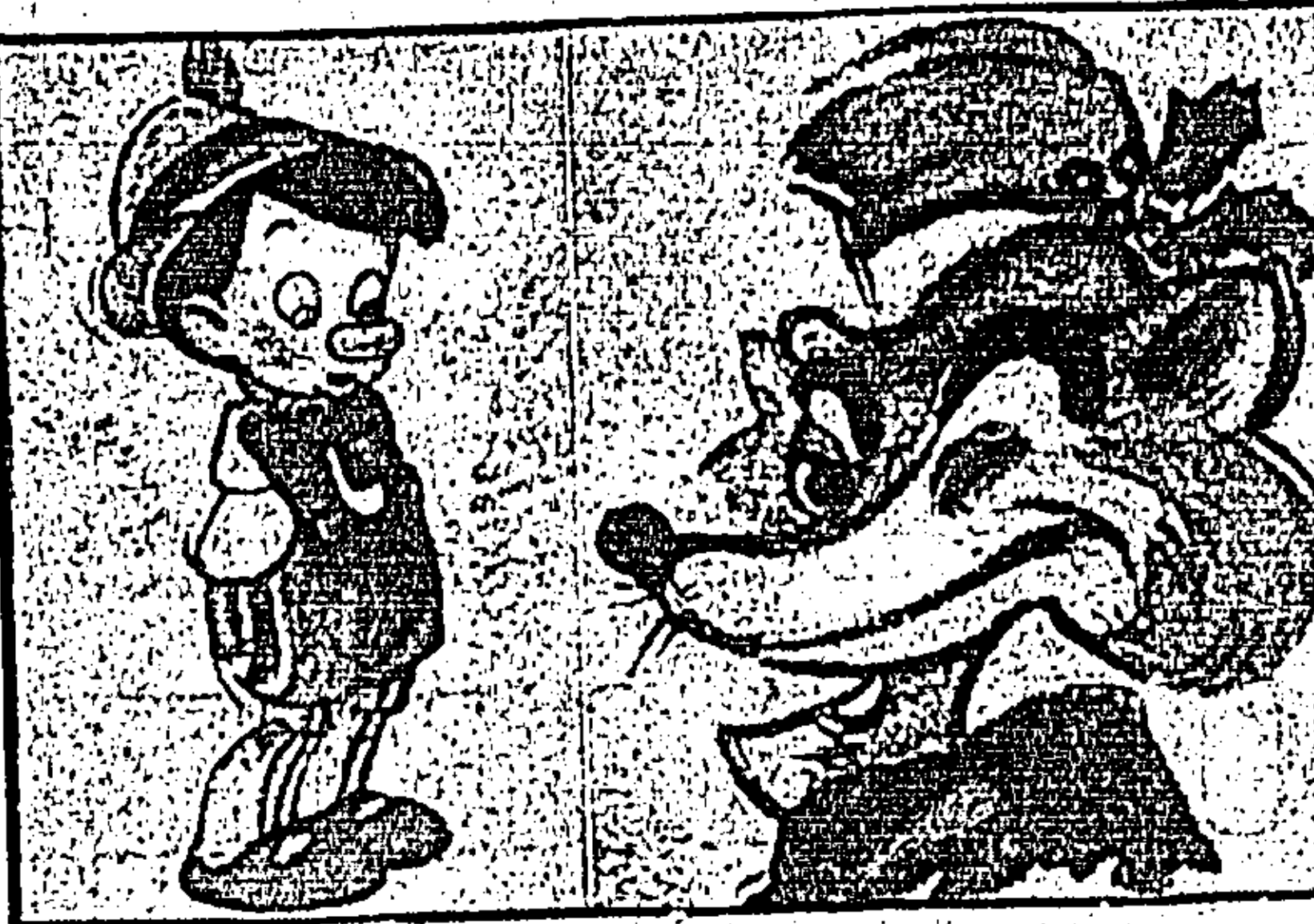
Private Reid: We have nothing but the bounty I got when I came on leave. I got that for my own use for fighting in France. Why should I give it to him? The allowance my wife gets is not for him but to feed my children.

The Judge: I hope when you think over the whole matter you will feel that the Court has tried to do justice to a serving soldier.

Pawned Wedding Ring

Mrs. Reid told a reporter after leaving the court: "I do not know how on earth I am going to pay the 15s. out of my present allowance. Two of my three children are twins, nine months old, and require special food which costs 10s. a week."

"This is how I have had to live since my husband went to fight," she added, producing a bundle of pawn-tickets for jewellery, including a wedding ring.



PEACE IN FINLAND WILL AFFECT EUROPEAN WAR

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Allies are ready to send effective assistance.

Until a decision is taken little more remains to be said.

Whatever part Germany has played, her hand has been very well concealed.

Meanwhile the visit of the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, must, it seems, have been designed for bigger purposes than at first supposed.

No doubt he was trying to interest Italy in Germany's plans for Finland but that must be a matter for conjecture.

Nazis Lecture Welles

Some observers believe that the Nazis have had second thoughts about Mr. Sumner Welles.

It is suggested that they thought better of the cavalier way in which they lectured him in Berlin. Now they want to get the Italians to put another word in for them when Mr. Sumner Welles passes through Rome on his way home.

The insistence with which the Italian press and radio have asserted that Italy's attitude will not be changed by Ribbentrop's pressure suggests that he is after more Italian help.

The paper "Telegrafo," which is in close touch with Count Ciano, emphasises for instance that Mussolini will not be influenced.

When he thinks it necessary to change Italy's policy he will change it according to his own judgment.

Another Failure

Whatever Ribbentrop went to Rome for, says the BBC observer, it is now apparent that he must once again travel back to Berlin to register another failure.

Nor did his interview with the Pope give him much satisfaction.

The Nazis no doubt thought it would be a feather in their caps to report that their Foreign Minister had a friendly interview with the Pope. That probably is why the Vatican has explained that Ribbentrop was received only because of an official German request.

Why He Went To Berlin

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Reports from Berlin may shed a little light on why Mr. Svin Hufud, former Finnish President, went to Berlin.

It is thought that he went to try to persuade the German Government to intervene if the Moscow talks failed.

Whatever the purpose of his stay he has now left for Italy.

Yesterday his train passed one going the other way which was conveying the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, back from Rome.

ALLIED TROOPS FOR FINLAND

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the Channel and the Atlantic Coast to take the Allied Expeditionary Force.

The British Government had to bear the greater part of the assistance as regards men and ships. The British Navy was also responsible for protecting convoys on the 2,000 miles voyage to the Norwegian coast.

French Deputies Keep Quiet

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—A motion by M. Leon Blum and other deputies to discuss the Finnish situation in the Chamber of Deputies has been adjourned by general agreement in order not to embarrass the Government.

M. Daladier, in a statement made in the Chamber, said that France headed the list of nations which had sent war material to Finland and gave figures of the munitions sent.

He said that a few days ago, in reply to an urgent demand, France sent a number of ultra-modern bombers which had arrived at the Finnish front.

WALT DISNEY SENDS HIS GREETINGS

—and introduces the "stars" of his new colour symphony "Pinocchio". They are:



China Will Win War

Sir Stafford Cripps Gives His Views

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13. (Reuter).—Sir Stafford Cripps, the well-known British Left-wing politician, who visited India, Chungking and Moscow, has arrived here from Hongkong en route to Japan.

Interviewed, Sir Stafford said that he did not doubt that Chungking will win the war against Japan. He explained that he could not see the Japanese being driven out of the country unless the Chinese got heavier war material, but he could visualise in "Japanese getting out."

Sir Stafford also expressed the view that although the future relations between Britain and Japan would depend on the respective governments, nevertheless in his opinion Britain could have a showdown with the Japanese easily when necessary and if she wanted.

Loss Of H.K. Not Likely

When it was pointed out to him that then perhaps Britain would lose Hongkong temporarily, he replied that the people on the spot should know better, but in his opinion, that would not likely be the case.

Asked whether the Chungking Government leaders attached much importance to the Wang-Ching-wei movement, Sir Stafford replied that they did not.

Answering a question whether he thought that peace with Japan had entered the minds of the Chungking leaders, Sir Stafford said: "They think that that can adequately be made when Japan gets out of China."

More Aid Later

Asked whether greater and even open help would be made to China by the European democracies in the event of an early liquidation of the European war, Sir Stafford opined that help would be forthcoming to a greater degree, but he did not believe that it would be open in the sense that troops would be sent to aid China to express an opinion of the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe, he said: "It is too well advertised to be successful."

Sir Stafford Cripps also stated that he did not think that peace between Finland and Russia would lead to a general peace in Europe.

RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS CAUSE CABINET CRISIS

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the peace treaty which they have signed on behalf of Finland.

It now remains to be seen whether the Finnish Parliament will ratify the agreement.

Opposition To Terms Grows

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (UP).—There are many indications that strong opposition is developing in the Diet debate at the reported Russian terms for peace.

Army circles are providing the spearhead of the opposition. Despite foreign reports, circles here maintain that the delegation headed by the Finnish Prime Minister was not given full power to conclude peace.

No Confirmation

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 13 (UP).—An official Finnish announcement released through the Finnish News Agency and obviously inspired by the Finnish Foreign Office, said: "The Finnish News Bureau has been made aware of the fact that several foreign broadcasts have announced that a peace treaty has been signed upon between Soviet Russia and Finland."

"However, at 2 a.m. to-day (9 a.m. H.K.T.) no confirmation had been received from our delegation."

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th Mar. 13.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March, Mar. 14.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 7th March, Mar. 14.

Canton, Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 26th Jan.), Mar. 14.

Manila, Shanghai, Amoy, Mar. 14.

Singapore, Mar. 14.

Straits, Mar. 15.

U.S.A. and Manila—San Francisco date, 17th Feb., Mar. 15.

Japan and Shanghai, Mar. 16.

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Shanghai and Amoy, Mar. 16.

OUTWARD MAILS Wednesday, Mar. 13

Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi 5th April.

G.P.O. & K.F.O.

Reg., Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.

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Reg., Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 13, 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 14

Straits, Mar. 14, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, Mar. 14, 12.30 p.m.

Sandakan, Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.

Amoy, Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st March.

K.F.O.

Reg., Mar. 14, 5 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg., Mar. 14, 5 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 14, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 15

Amoy, Mar. 15, 8.30 a.m.

Haiphong, Mar. 15, 1.00 p.m.

Shanghai, Mar. 15, 2.30 p.m.

Haiphong, Mar. 15, 3.00 p.m.

Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 3rd April.

Kowloon P.O.

Parcels, Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m.

Reg., Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels, Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m.

Reg., Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m.

Ord., Mar. 15, 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 16

Dairen, Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Mar. 16, 1.30 p.m.

Tientsin, Mar. 16, 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th March.

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R.A.F. BOMB U-BOAT

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that during a reconnaissance flight over Heligoland Bight and the estuary yesterday, aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command successfully attacked a German submarine at the entrance of the Schilling Roads.

The submarine was seen to be hit by at least one bomb and is believed to have been sunk.

Four Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Mar. 12 (British Wireless).—The submarine, which was attacked in the Schilling Roads yesterday by an R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command, was proceeding slowly along the surface.

The plane, emerged from a low layer of clouds. It immediately crossed the submarine, dropping four 250-pound bombs, one of which was seen to hit the submarine just ahead of the conning tower.

Another hit is also believed to have been registered.

The pilot reported on his return that before he flew off to continue his reconnaissance, he saw the bow and stern of the submarine protruding above the surface, the centre part being submerged.

Another British aircraft, engaged on reconnaissance a few hours later, saw a number of patrol vessels in the area where the attack had been made.

Hanover Becomes Prize Ship

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The German steamer, Hanover, which was set on fire by her crew in an attempt to avoid capture, has been towed into port as a prize.

German Shipping Losses

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced that seven per cent. or about 800,000 tons of German shipping has been seized or scuttled since the outbreak of war.

Another 20 per cent. of the remaining fleet in neutral ports or remaining tied up in German ports except for trade with Scandinavian countries.

Moscow Press & Sun Yat-sen Laudatory Notices On Anniversary Of Death

MOSCOW, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The newspapers here devote considerable space to the anniversary of the death of Sun Yat-sen. They recall his plan for the strengthening of an alliance with Soviet collaboration with the Communist Party and support the movement of workers and peasants.

Banner Of Liberation

The "Pravda" says that Sun Yat-sen's testament has become a banner

of a great war of national liberation against Japanese imperialism.

The paper welcome the present collaboration of the Kuomintang and Chinese communists against Japan.

Several papers take the opportunity to attack Wang Ching-wei as a traitor in the interests of China.

BEGIN READING THIS ABSORBING SERIES OF ARTICLES NOW



LAST of a series

WARTIME in LONDON

★ This is the last of a series of articles by neutral Staff Correspondents of the United Press Association on conditions to-day in the Motherland.

COMPULSORY military service has put into the same unromantic battle-dress both lords and dustmen.

It has resulted in democratisation of the army to an extent that would have horrified the brass hats of the last war. Officers now are supposed to come from the ranks.

During leaves last Christmas, a well-known member of the aristocracy drove up to the swank Dorchester Hotel in a Rolls-Royce to keep a luncheon engagement with his girl friend. He was in service uniform.

A kindly commanding officer of the British Expeditionary Force who takes a fatherly interest in his men noticed one was not sending any money home. The officer summoned this soldier and suggested he send a few shillings to his wife because of the increased cost of living.

"I'll try, sir," the soldier responded. "But my wife ought to be able to get along all right. She gets 3,000 pounds a year from our estate."

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OFFICERS and men of the ranks are often seen drinking together, because they are given the same service in hotels, restaurants and bars. A curious feature is that while army men salute army men, navy men salute navy men and air men salute air men, they rarely salute other services.

An admiral strolling through Whitehall passed an army officer of lower rank, who ignored him. The admiral seized his arm and remarked, "Awful bore, this saluting, eh what?"

Many of the mobilised men are seeing London for the first time. It is a common occurrence to hear educated men in uniform ask where is Piccadilly Circus. This is rather a shock in these days of swift transport, in view of Britain's size.

Seaside resorts and inland spas have been converted into spinster towns by mobilisation of young men and evacuation to these points of 21,000 civil servants from London, a majority of them attractive young typists. These women now outnumber the remaining menfolk 10 to 1.

Civil servants evacuated to Blackpool were given their choice of a luxury hotel or a room in a private house, for which from 15 to 21 shillings a week is deducted from their pay. This covers a bed and two meals a day.

The case of William Beazley, 13 years an accountant in a London firm, is typical. He earns four pounds a week and is buying

a house on instalments. He has a wife and one child, the latter evacuated to the country. He faces the choice of leaving his wife alone in London to face possible air raids, keeping two homes, or trying to sell the house at a loss. This is difficult, if not impossible, as thousands of persons are trying to sell their houses.

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AT the war's beginning, 1,230,000 women and children were evacuated by the government from big cities to the country as a precaution against air raids.

Thousands more went privately. By Christmas, 676,500 had returned despite government warnings through radio, press and posters. Thousands who returned to spend Christmas with father remained when they saw how miserably he was doing his own housework.

Others trickled back because they preferred home. Some children were brought back by mothers unable to bear separation.

Many children benefited by the country air and change of food, and gained in weight. Many country families discovered for the first time how stum children live.

Although horrified by their language and knowledge of the world, wealthy, childless couples have tackled with enthusiasm the job of caring for children who never saw a green field before.

One urchin from London's east end wrote home that Lord So-and-So, with whom he was billeted, "is a good sport and lets us do what we like, but the governess is strict and tells us we must not do this and that."

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BRITAIN'S blackout has established a world record. Spanish republican militiamen put bullets through any windows showing lights in Madrid during the civil war, but their blackouts pale into daylight compared with London, where natural conditions such as thick fogs and normally pitch-black winter nights intensify the gloom of this lightless metropolis.

But London's night life still carries merrily on, with the sole difference that white ties have disappeared completely.

In the early days of September, only uniforms or informal dress were to be seen even in the swankiest night clubs. But informal dress now has given way to the despised tuxedo.

Where wife and children are away, the husband is obliged to spend his evenings in a pub, pool-hall or similar place.

Early closing of cinemas has resulted in appearance of an unusual number of young girls in public houses which in many cases they never entered before, but there apparently is not an abnormal amount of drinking.

FIRST of a series

WARTIME in BERLIN

★ These letters written by Mr. Bayles to his friends in New York give an authentic and completely unbiased picture of life in wartime Germany. This is the first instalment. More will appear to-morrow.

BERLIN.

A NEW decree permits marriages to be performed between soldiers at the front and sweethearts at home without the groom even being present at the ceremony.

The soldier is required to provide a written statement of his wish to be married, or to make a declaration to this effect to his battalion commander. The girl then goes to the register office with her credentials and is duly married without even a proxy for the man being present.

The hunting season is in with a terrific bang, and game and more game is being served up in the restaurants.

Hunting is not regarded as a sport but as an occupation, and all the oldsters who 30 years ago wore a green hat with a brush on it and duly went hunting with an expensive carved, infallible rifle are now being called back into service, and many a tottering limb and shaky hand are trying to bring down a few rabbits.

I had the experience of running into my own former millman, this morning when I went round for new rationing cards. He was sitting in a smelly room behind a desk in an S.A. uniform, and completely refused to recognise me or return my greeting, although he had accepted countless handouts from me and had begged for everything from English magazines for his son to my worn-out suits for himself.

After leaving me standing for at least two minutes, during which time he busied himself messing through a pile of papers, he barked, "You wish?" As I left, he bawled "Heil Hitler" after me.

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I WAS talking with a dentist and asked him what he is using for gold, silver and platinum. He took me with him to his office because his cravat was something that had to be seen to be appreciated. He had an oversized Weavever aluminium pot from which a sizable chunk had been cut and told me that dozens of German mouths were now sporting fillings and castings made out of bits of Weavever aluminium.

He explained that the American Weavever is much purer than the German aluminium, and for this reason is more suitable for castings. ["Weavever" is the trade-mark for products of the Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co.] The dentist estimated that his pot will last about two years if he is sparing with it.

Ersatz for soap is occupying the public and scientific mind to an increasing degree as the surplus is being used up and the population is compelled to get along on one small cake per month.

For a bath, I read in the Volkischer Beobachter, you don't need soap if you just take pine needles, stew them, and then pour off the tea and use it in the bath. Not only does it cut the dirt but it is good for rheumatism.

For face and hands, powdered chestnut meal not only cleanses but beautifies. After having lost money for a year on the stock market and shops while learning to run them, are now strained are adequate for facing bankruptcy because they are com- lauding clothes, it is pelled to keep the shops open and to employ the staffs but have nothing to sell.

I had an interview some days ago with a school authority. The military, or war, concept dominates almost every study. In German history, for example, the heroic is stressed in connection with military exploits. In military history, the development of the German military ideal, the lives of famous generals, military virtue and the soldierly ideal are stressed. Theme topics are invariably military.

In geography, political frontiers and problems are stressed. One sign of winter is a notice on all the train windows. It reads: "Keep windows and doors shut, don't waste heat." You may recall the stuffy, stinking atmosphere in German trains and the extreme horror of fresh air, and you can imagine how things are now when it is almost forbidden by law to open a window.

I am amused at the sudden swing-over of the Press to praise of Russia. After abusing the Russians and ridiculing their country for years, the papers are suddenly printing flattering travel articles about the lovely country, the charming Russians, the marvellous facilities for travellers, and the high cultural level of the Bolsheviks.

THE loudest wails over clothes rationing come from the women, who are allowed one pair of stockings every two months.

Leg lacquer, which, when applied to the bare leg, gives the appearance of a stocking, is being advertised and sold in large quantities.

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THE only good thing that has come out of the war thus far is a marching song. Wir fahren gegen England, which is really a wov.

The words are from an old sailor ditty by Hermann Lott, the chorus running: "Leb wohl, mein Schütz, leb wohl; Denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren, denn wir fahren gegen England, England." It means: "Farewell, my treasure, farewell; for we're on our way, we're on our way, we're on our way to England."

Christmas is coming on, but sadly lacking are the heaps of sweets and pastries as well as the piles of soft woollens which are a standard present in these parts.

The sweet department in Wertheim's is now almost filled with small garbled apples and the garment counters are vacant because nothing can be bought without a ticket.

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IT is now impossible to buy gramophone records without turning in old ones in exchange. The factories are not given new material, and must reclaim old records to manufacture new ones.

It is ironical but true that the Jews actually came out on top by being plundered and forced out of their shops last November. The crooked appraisers cut the price to be paid by the Aryan purchaser to about one-tenth in each case, and the Germans with spare cash were most eager to grab up a prosperous Jewish shop. The Jews, having received their meagre price, are now mostly out of the country, or at least have the money safely put away, while the Aryans, after having lost money for a year on the stock market and shops while learning to run them, are now strained are adequate for facing bankruptcy because they are com- lauding clothes, it is pelled to keep the shops open and to employ the staffs but have nothing to sell.

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2.15 Close Down.

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7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Tchaikovsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23—Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.

8.38 Violin Solos.—Hungarian Dance No. 5, Menuet, Wolf, with Otto Schulhof at the Piano; The Child and His Dancing Doll, Albert

Sandler with Samehuni ("Cello") and Byfield (Piano).

8.45 London Relay—"The Spirit of Austria"—A Programme of Recollections.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—Lamb—"The fourth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J."

9.50 Musical Comedy "Pleasant Teacher"—Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Orchestra conducted by Joseph Tunbridge.

10.07 A Dance Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

FISHERIES RESEARCH Station to be Erected To West of Aberdeen

The Colonial Development grant of £2,000 having been accepted, plans for the construction of the Hongkong Fisheries Research Station are proceeding.

It is understood that a site just to the west of Aberdeen has been surveyed. A Fishery Journal is already published in the Colony. The first issue appeared recently, appropriately surveying the fishing field and giving interesting information regarding fish species, types of boats and nets used.

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GAUSS LEAVING SOON

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

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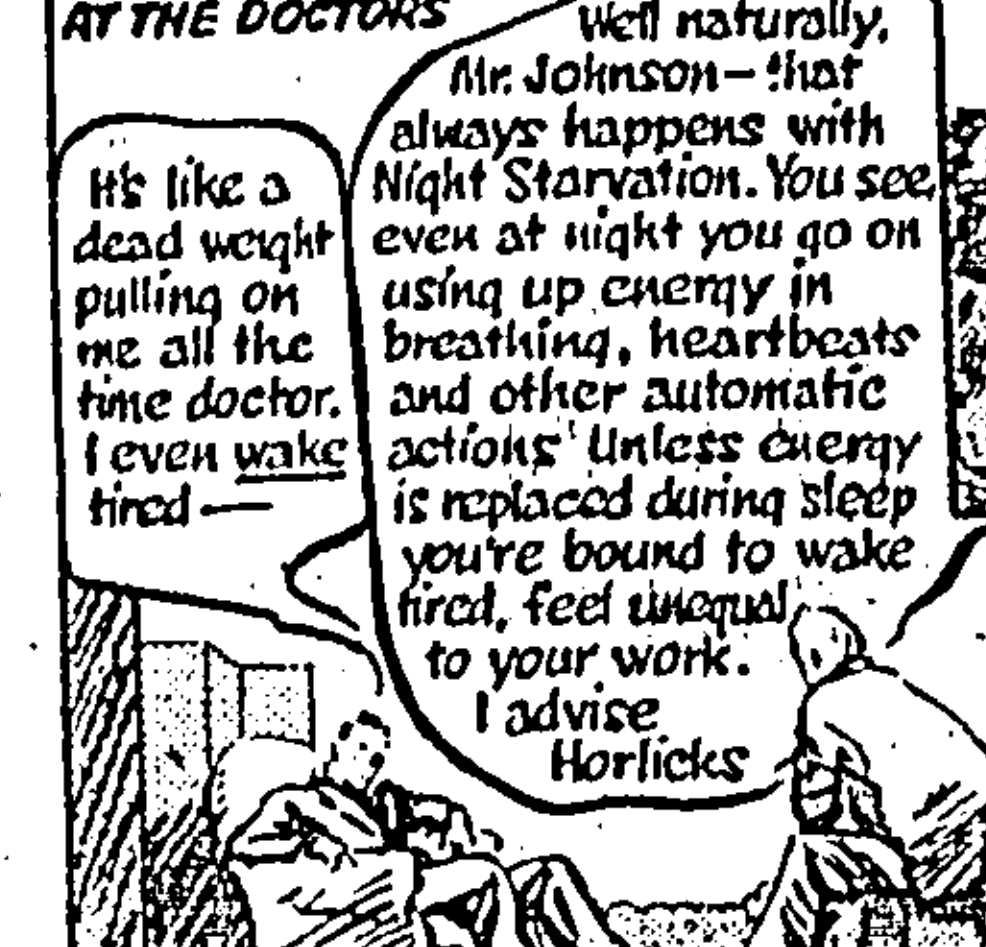
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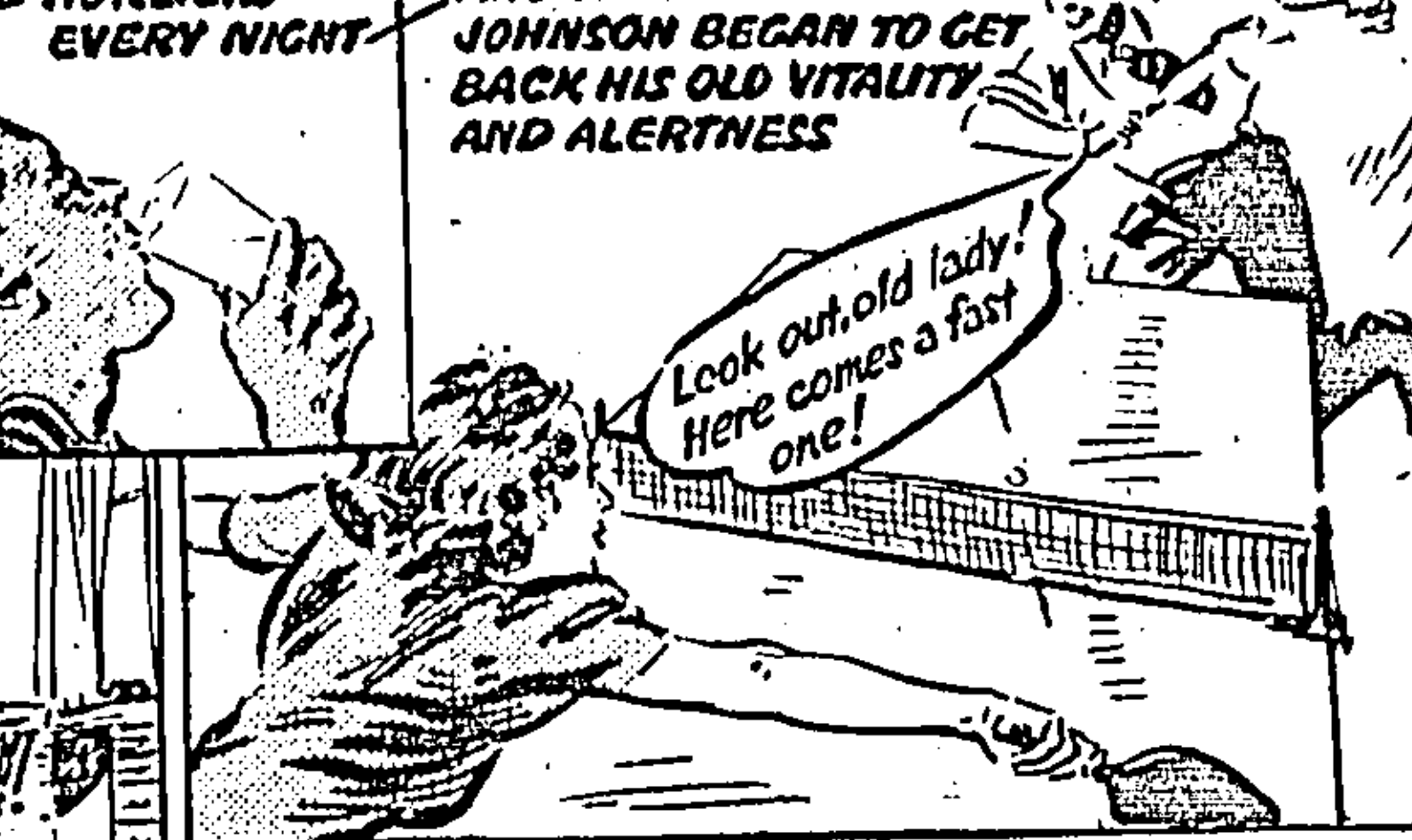
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GUARDS AGAINST NIGHT STARVATION



Walt Disney with figures of the principal characters which appear in "Pinocchio," which has been booked for a ten-week run in the Radio City Centre Theatre, New York. According to cable advices, this film is well on the way to shattering the all-time record created by "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The film is expected to be shown in Hongkong early in May.

Hitler Is In
This Film

GAUMONT-British - Gainsborough Studios recently completed a spy picture entitled "Gestapo" in which Charles Victor, English actor, plays the role of Adolf Hitler.

The film, it is said, is one of those suspenseful yarns about which too much detail should not be disclosed in advance.

Margaret Lockwood (last seen here in "Rulers of the Sea") is the daughter of a Czech-Slovakian munitions chief. The Nazi invasion puts him to flight. He tries to take the girl with him, but the enemy intercept her and she is in a concentration camp when the old gentleman, holder of a secret plan which the Germans covet, arrives in England.

Escape

In the concentration camp is a young German and the girl and he plot an escape together. They reach England but the Germans are still after the girl because they hope she will lead them to her father and his precious documents.

Father and daughter are both recaptured and taken back to Germany and there all sorts of exciting happenings before the British Secret Service scores over the sleuths of the Gestapo.

Two big American companies are concerned with this picture, according to news from Home. One is Twentieth Century-Fox, for whom Gainsborough produced it, the other is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, announced as its distributors.

AT THE
CINEMAS

King's: "Juarez" (Paul Muni, Bette Davis).
Queen's: "Our Neighbours" (The Carters) (Edmund Lowe, Fay Bainter).
Alhambra: "Law of the Pampas" (William Boyd).
Oriental: "Flight To Fame" (Charles Farrell).
Majestic: "Code of the Secret Service".

"The Rains Came"

"THE Rains Came," 20th-Century-Fox production for screening at the King's and which will commence on Friday, is said to be an excellent picturisation of Louis Bromfield's popular novel.

The author has declared himself delighted with the production and from India comes the news that the film has pleased audiences there.

Movie Star's
War Effort

MADEIRA Carroll is Hollywood's busiest star as a result of her determination to do everything in her power to aid in the relief of civilian war sufferers in England and France.

At the outbreak of hostilities, Miss Carroll turned over her chateau in the South of France for the use of children removed from Paris and other big French cities. Since that time she has sponsored numerous benefits in Hollywood and Los Angeles and has supervised the sending of money to Europe for relief purposes.

In order to carry on this work, Miss Carroll turned her dressing suite in the Edward Small studios into an office. She installed telephones and had her personal secretary take up duties there. As though this were not enough, she has devoted her time between "takes" on the set to knitting sweaters and other articles which are shipped abroad.

Mayor Sri S. Salyamurthi M. L. A. (Central), Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Legislative Assembly, President of the Indian Motion Picture Congress, recently issued a message about this film.

The message reads: "For the first time Hollywood has produced a picture (The Rains Came) depicting an Indian story, in Indian surroundings and with an Indian background. Of course, the photography and the recording are excellent. Making allowance for members of one race having to act the characters of persons belonging to another race, the acting is of very high order. But what pleases me particularly is that every attempt has been made to avoid any caricature or even unconscious misrepresentation of Indian life and character. On the other hand, every attempt has been made to be true to Indian life and character and motif.

"I am glad that Hollywood has recognised that India is very sensitive on this matter. This picture deserves to be seen by all Indian and friends of India. But this is only a beginning.

"By and by, we must get real pictures of Indian life and character, acted by Indians themselves. Meantime, I cordially thank the Producer of this picture for the service they have rendered to India and to the human understanding of India. But Hollywood may well now begin to show pictures not of the India that was, and perhaps is, but will soon vanish, but rather of the India that is to be."

Local

Entertainments

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present this evening at a variety concert which is to be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The concert will commence at 7.15 p.m.

On Friday, the Central British School pupils are giving a physical training display commencing at 6 p.m. The display will include gymnastics, recreational games, classical dancing, team games, free standing gymnastics, English country dancing, vaulting and agility.

The St. Patrick's Society are holding a dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday. Proceeds of the dance will go to the British War Organisation Fund.

"Jesse James"
Sequel

Darryl F. Zanuck announced recently that 20th Century-Fox are making a sequel to the "Jesse James" film which was shown recently in Hongkong.

It is to be entitled "Return of Frank James" and will bring back Henry Fonda as the character he played in "Jesse James."

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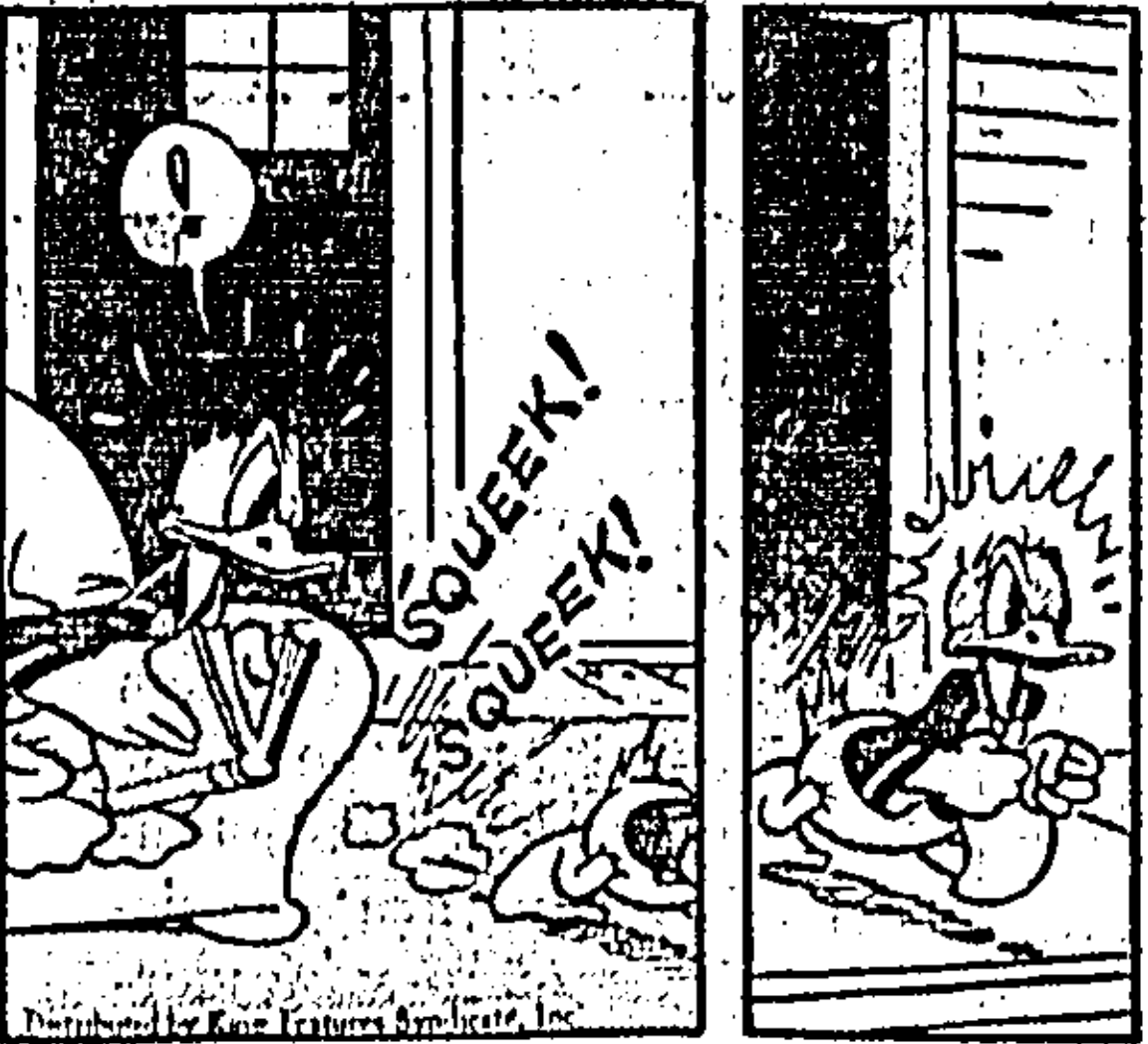
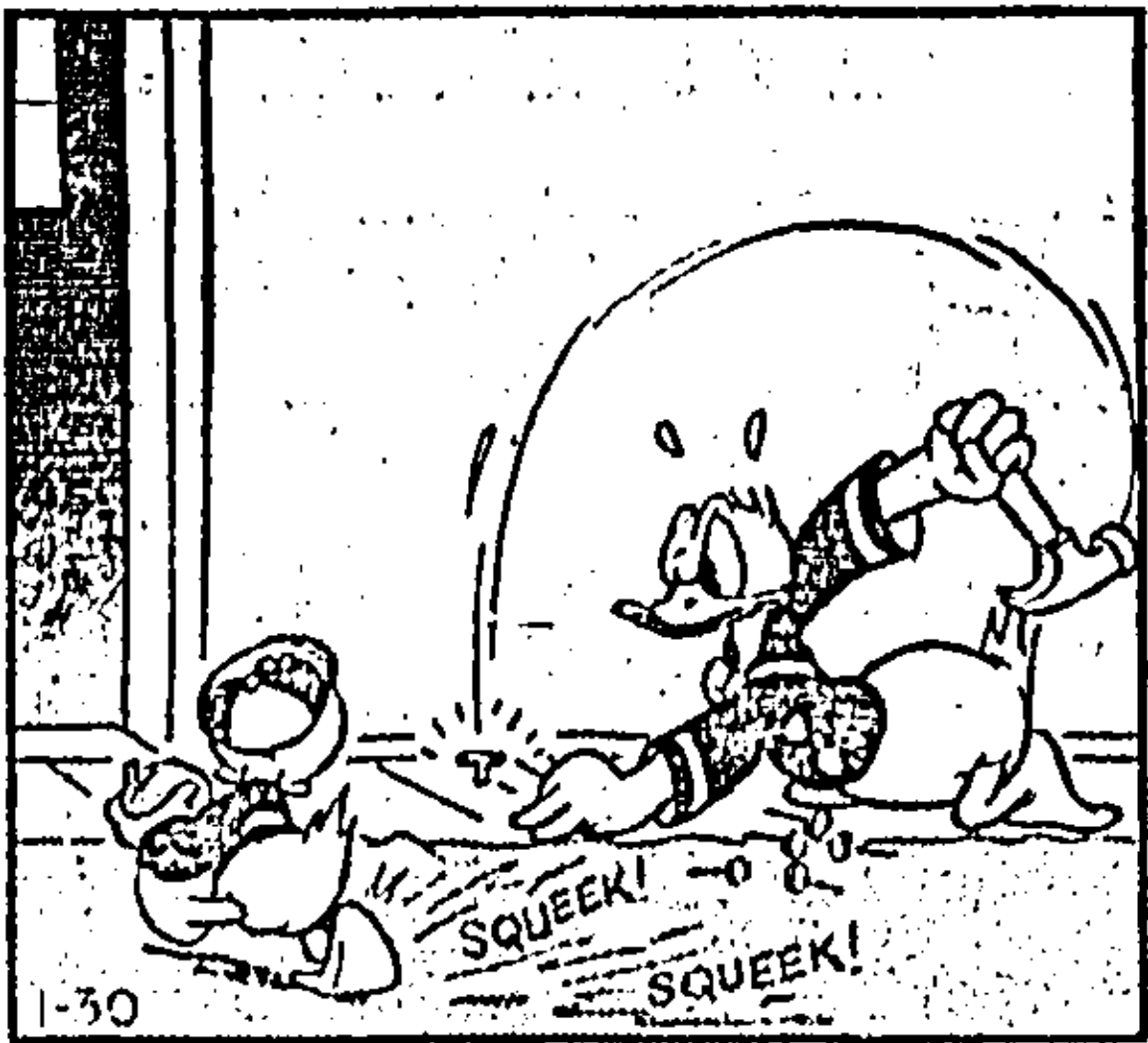
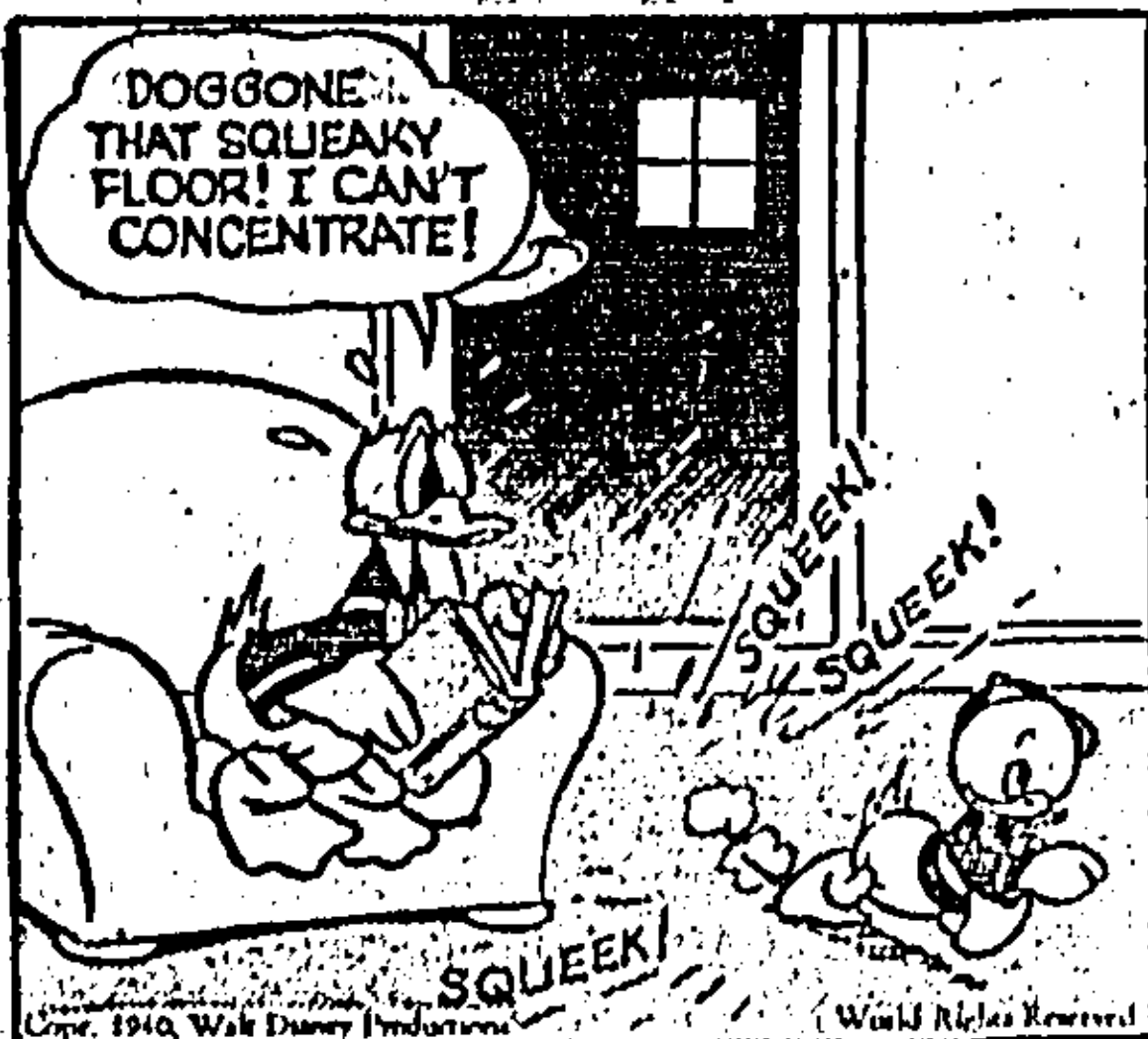
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City Girls Now Work As Lumber Jacks



City girls are now working as lumber jacks in England's backwoods. They belong to the new Forestry Section of the Women's Land Army. Here are Evelyn Andrews, who worked in a Liverpool store, and Betty Stephenson, who exchanged the scissors and overall of a hairdresser at St. Anne's, Lancashire, for the khaki and axe of the "forestress."



Alice Fletcher, 17-year-old typist, and Olive Cheney, aged 18, hairdresser from Leeds, are two of the youngest in the camp. They love the life, and Olive likes best of all the sing-song round the hut fire at night after the day's work is done. They are paid 28s. a week by the Timber Control Board, and eat of this pay 14s. a week for their keep.



"I joined on the spur of the moment," said Sadie Baxter, who was a dressmaker in Blackpool. "I certainly don't regret it after working in a stuffy room making lovely gowns for other people to wear."

Nazis hunt Priests for Work

BRATISLAVA (Slovakia). HITLER, who has so far refrained from declaring open war on Roman Catholics in Germany, has now done so in Poland. Distribution of the Pope's Encyclical denouncing Nazi and Communist dictatorship has been made a capital offence by the Nazi authorities in German-occupied Poland.

The bishop's palace at Lodz has been raided several times by Gestapo officials on the pretext that they were looking for copies of the Encyclical.

The bishop, M. Tomczak, was arrested last month, "it was learned." After spending some weeks in prison he has now been released, but is still under house arrest.

All the Jesuit priests of Lodz have been arrested, and are being pressed into Polish labour squads, which are being formed, some for work in Germany, others in the Polish Corridor, where they are expected "to tidy up things" for the Baltic German settlers.

A Polish pastor named Falzmann is faced with the death sentence, although the only charge against him so far as his flock can learn is "loyalty to Poland." The Nazi authorities argue that since Poland is occupied by the German Army all Polish patriots are guilty of high treason against Germany.

Factory Prison

Just as in the pogrom of Roman Catholics in Vienna last winter the young Nazi extremists are being given full liberty of action in Poland. These have taken over some of the textile factories of Lodz as prisons—mainly for religious prisoners.

PROLONGING GOVT.'s LIFE

Bill May Shortly Be Introduced

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Replying to a question as to whether or not it was proposed shortly to introduce a Bill to prolong the life of Parliament, Earl Stanhope, in the House of Lords, said the Government was well aware of the necessity of considering this matter at no very distant date because the life of the present Parliament came to an end in November next.

He, however, was not in a position

SWING DEMONSTRATION IS UNIQUE FOR H.K.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND miles of travel which was interrupted by the outbreak of war in Europe has brought to Hongkong two of the most outstanding show personalities this Colony has witnessed.

They are Fredric and Sandra Hartnell, now appearing nightly in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

The two artists opened their Hongkong season on Saturday night in an atmosphere which, after their first number, was distinctly cordial and appreciative.

Their numbers—during this week they are giving a Waltz in Springtime, the Broadway Rhythm and a Bracket of Swing Dances—are something entirely new for Hongkong. "Swing is the rage everywhere now," said Sandra in an interview.

All their numbers have a Swing background. The Waltz in Springtime is a waltz at a spectacular tempo and the Bracket of Swing Dances consists of three numbers which are breath-taking in their rendition.

The visitors are lucky to have found in Nick Korin's orchestra a perfect Swing Band, for unless Swing tempo is present their numbers could conceivably lose the spectacular rhythm which makes them so delightful to watch.

Patrons of the Hongkong Hotel leave no doubt regarding the popularity of the Hartnells. They have already attained at the Grippa. On Saturday and Sunday nights the crowds applauded to an extent that is somewhat unusual for Hongkong.

The appreciation was well-merited, and only echoes what have already been received by two top-liners in some of the leading social rendezvous in London.

Prior to visiting the Far East, the Hartnells played at the Savoy, Grosvenor House, the Mayfair and the Palladium in London where they must have been seen by many Hongkong residents on home leave. They were featured dancers in C. J. Cochrane's well-known revue "Eye in the Park."

Exchange At A Glance

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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	3.77 1/4

Japanese Has Code-Book

Fined \$20 To-day In Kowloon Court

A Japanese, Chikazo Yoshino, 50, described as a commercial clerk, residing at No. 18 Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong, was charged before Mr. Hilmsworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with possession of a code book without permission from the Governor.

Sergeant E. J. Stewart, of the Special Branch, stated that he visited the defendant's residence at 8.30 a.m. yesterday and questioned the defendant, who produced a commercial code-book. He said that it had been given him by his firm and that he had not used it since the declaration of war.

No Proof He Had Used It

Sergeant Stewart agreed that the Police had no proof that Yoshino had used the code-book since the declaration of war.

Speaking in good English, Yoshino told the Court that the code book had been given him by his firm.

His Worship fined the defendant \$20 and ordered the code-book to be confiscated for the duration of the war.

WATCHMAN NEGLECTS HIS DUTY

Court Sequel To Robbery

The robbery of an explosives magazine at Shouson Hill on March 10 had a sequel at Central Magistrate's court this morning, when Tam Hing, 23, watchman, was charged before Mr. Sheldon with neglect of duty by being asleep at his post on that night. Tam admitted the charge, and gave as an excuse that the door of his hut had been closed by the wind, and he could not help going to sleep.

Will Lose Job

Mr. P. J. Sherwood, storekeeper for the China Construction Company, said Tam would be dismissed from his position.

Sgt. Estall said Tam was employed as watchman at the explosives magazine at Shouson Hill. The magazine was intact when he went on duty at 7 p.m. on March 10, but when he woke up, he found the magazine had been forced open, and the locks missing. The missing explosives amounted to \$182.

"Tam had no business to be asleep at all as there was one man doing duty and another watchman doing night duty," said Sgt. Estall. "The huts are ten yards from the magazine."

Mr. Sheldon: You have lost your job. I think that is sufficient punishment. Defendant was cautioned.

Crews Rescued From Two Sunk Trawlers

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The crew of the British steamer, Gardania, 3,745 tons, have landed on the east coast after a trawler which rescued them after the Gardania had been sunk following an explosion.

Second Crew Landed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—The crew of nine from the Lowestoft steam trawler Halifax, 105 tons, were landed at Lowestoft to-day by her sistership Ipswich which picked them up last night after the Halifax had sunk in the North Sea.

Returned U-Boat's Fire

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—At an east coast port yesterday, the crews of two small trawlers arrived with their fishing gear gone but with proof that their guns can more than hold their own against a U-boat.

They sighted a submarine while steaming in the North Sea. Both ships promptly cut away their nets to allow them to manoeuvre better and they returned the fire of the U-boat.

Dutch Victim

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The latest Dutch victim of German action is the 7,000-ton tanker, Orlok. All the crew of 25 are safe aboard a British warship.

Some 93,000 tons of Dutch shipping have now been sunk with 217 seamen killed.

"Women Are Born Liars," He Says

CORONER WAS A CYNIC ON MARRIAGES

MR. INGLEBY ODDIE, famous London coroner for twenty-seven years, does not want to retire. Tomorrow he sits for the last time. It is his seventieth birthday. Yesterday he discussed with me the notable cases he has investigated, and the effect they have had on him.

"I am very sorry indeed that I have to go," he said. "I have reached the age limit and so I must. But my three predecessors retired at the ages of eighty, seventy-nine and seventy-five. I had hoped, now that I am well again, to be allowed to carry on at least until the end of the war."

"I shall miss my work exceedingly. What am I going to do? Well, I shall read about the war, I presume, and hope for the best."

"I do not intend to write my memoirs until the war is over. If it lasts a long time and I'm dead, well it just can't be helped."

"Has my job made me a cynic about marriage? No, it has not. My work often shows mankind up in a bad light, but also it often shows much unsuspected goodness, much sympathy and kindness. And often it gives me a chance to do some public good, which is very heartening."

"It has never affected my sense of humour, and certainly has not made me depressed."

He Knew

"Quite frankly, I love my job. I do not look forward to the farewell party to-morrow. I shall hate saying goodbye."

"The two most interesting cases in my life were those of Vera Page and of Nora Upchurch. Both were murder cases."

"In the Vera Page murder, the murderer was never discovered. In the case of Nora Upchurch I was always perfectly certain who the murderer was. After a year or two he had been convicted at the Upchurch trial that second woman would never have lost her life."

"I have come to the conclusion that most women are simply born liars, and can't help themselves. I have seen women stand up in front of me and give the most detailed and precise information, every word of which has been a lie."

"It has not taken me in. I can always detect a liar, but I've often marvelled at it. There are exceptions, of course."

Just Luck

"There is one thing I would like to say. I have had about 3,000 street fatalities to deal with, and before the war they were being reduced by more than half (I speak about Central London, of course), thanks to pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. I have always been rather hard on the pedestrian, blaming him for most of the street fatalities."

"So I think I'd better be careful crossing the streets of London on my way to court on Monday. It would be just my luck to be a street accident on my last day as a coroner."

"And with a chuckle this man—who has looked on so much sorrow, sternly rebuked the gully and sympathised with the bereaved—went back to finish his game of bridge, writes a London correspondent."

Case Book

Among the notable cases Mr. Oddie has investigated were the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson by Sinn Feiners; the inquiry of Fahmy Bey, the millionaire Egyptian prince shot dead in a famous West End hotel; the inquiry into the death of actress Regina Flory, who shot herself in Drury Lane.

When he was at the Bar he was one of the Treasury counsel who conducted the prosecution of the Crippen murder trial.

German Pastor For Brighton

A German pastor who became the victim of Nazi persecution, because his father was a Jew is to become curate at Preston Church Brighton.

He is Pastor W. Oelsner, who was pastor of a Lutheran church in Berlin.

Trouble arose with the Nazis because of his parentage, although the pastor himself is married to a German countess. She could have remained in Germany, but preferred to leave with her husband, and they came to England with 10 marks each.

Pastor Oelsner will be ordained by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, at Preston Old Church.

K.R.A. AGITATION FOR A CABLE OFFICE FAILS

The K.R.A. agitation for the establishment of a branch office of Messrs. Cable & Wireless Ltd. in Kowloon has met with failure—at least for the time being.

"The scheme will be left in abeyance until the end of the war," said Mr. E. Rickwood, Manager of Cable & Wireless, when a Telegraph representative saw him this morning in connection with the agitation.

"This decision was forced upon us by reason of the abnormal wartime conditions," Mr. Rickwood said.

"For one thing, the censors want to keep the cable traffic together as much as possible and the opening of a new office in Kowloon would not be helpful in this regard."

"Our desire to provide the office is great but we are afraid it will have to wait until the end of the war when we shall get on with it at the first opportunity."

It has been a German machine, Belgian planes took off immediately the unknown machine was sighted and intercepted it over Marchiennes. The intruder escaped.

VIOLATIONS BY NAZI PLANES

BRUSSELS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador to Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest at the flight of German planes over Belgian territory to-day.

Two foreign planes, it is reported, flew over Liege at mid-day and were fired on by A.A. batteries. They were also pursued by fighters.

Two hours later more planes flew over Liege and were fired at.

Intruder Escapes
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BRUSSELS, Mar. 12 (UP).—It is semi-officially announced that a squadron of Belgian pursuit planes attacked a foreign plane to-day.

The intruder is believed to have been a German machine.

Belgian planes took off immediately the unknown machine was sighted and intercepted it over Marchiennes. The intruder escaped.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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SHOCKING U.S. Press On The War

FAMINE Millions Starving In North China

PEIPING, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—According to reports from Central Hopei, famine conditions exist there and a major tragedy looms as the people are already at the starvation level.

They are living on the bark of trees and are even eating the common earth, which is causing many deaths.

The desperate food shortage has even caused the peasants to uproot wheat stalks, thus spoiling the spring crop.

Famine And Floods

Conditions are especially bad around Peiping, while the whole district between Peiping and Tientsin is now ascertained to be a famine area. Parts of this area are still inundated by last year's flood waters.

The people have to find means of living without garnering fresh crops until September.

Migrations are afoot from some of the districts. The position is made desperate by the fact that the peasants have no food reserves, these having been commandeered either by Chinese guerrillas or Japanese forces.

4,000,000 Face Starvation

The number facing starvation following last year's flood was 3,000,000 in Hopei and 1,000,000 in Shantung. A total of 12,500 villages were devastated in Hopei and 6,000 in Shantung. It is probable that the worsening conditions, which have reached a climax this spring, have increased the number threatened with disaster.

In Peiping, the poorer families have cut down from three meals to one a day.

Reduction Of Capital

Steamship Co.'s Petition Is Granted

A petition for confirming the reduction of the capital of the Tung On Steamship Company, Ltd., of No. 6 Queen's Road Central, from \$2,500,000 to \$2,000,000 was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The capital is divided into 25,000 shares of \$100 each and the petition was for reduction of the capital to \$2,000,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$80 each by paying back to the shareholders the sum of \$20 per share out of the accumulated profits of the company, the capital proposed to be paid off being in excess of the wants of the company.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo, of Messrs. Woo and Woo, appeared for the petitioners.

Largo Cash Balance

Mr. Anderson said the company was formed in 1920 and incorporated shortly afterwards with a capital of \$2,500,000, which had been fully paid up. Business was commenced after the incorporation with the object of running a steamship service between Hongkong and river ports in China.

The balance sheet at December 31, 1939, said Mr. Anderson, showed assets exceeded liabilities by \$630,018, although on trade there was a small deficit which it was proposed to write off. There was available a large amount of cash in the bank, and in view of conditions in China, the directors had decided against investing further money and instead to repay the shareholders with the surplus.

Mr. Anderson produced two affidavits in support of the petition.

Reduced Approved

A meeting had been held in the company's registered office in February, he said, at which a special resolution had been drawn up and passed approving the reduction of capital. Notice of the petition to be made had been advertised in the Government "Gazette" and also in the local newspapers.

His Lordship made an order granting the petition.

Anglo-Italian Trade Prospects

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Anglo-Italian trade negotiations, the "Manchester Guardian" points out that while the awkward coal dispute has been settled, Italy's note of protest, which raised greater issues than the stoppage of German coal, remains to be answered.

The paper points out that the stoppage of German exports was forced on the Allies by Germany's illegal methods of sea warfare. In a trade agreement, Italy may now find some compensation for the losses which German illegality had forced on her.

500 MOSLEM PILGRIMS LOST IN THE DESERT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DAMASCUS, Mar. 12 (UP).—Five hundred Moslem pilgrims on their way to Mecca have been lost in the Arabian desert. Syrian camel desert patrols and aeroplanes have searched for them 24 hours unsuccessfully.

The caravan left Hedjaz nearly a month ago. Members who have been found starved and exhausted near Palmyra stated the caravan lost its way, and 300 camels died, whereafter the caravan was dispersed in a burning sand storm.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES

War Minister's Confidence In The B.E.F.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).

—In introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley said it would be improper and undesirable for him to attempt to forecast in war, as his predecessors did in peace, what the British Army might be called upon to fulfil in the future.

Whatever it might be called upon to face, he said, the Army had not yet been subjected to the same intensive test as the Navy and Air Force.

After recalling how the idea of a Continental Army had been bitterly opposed in Britain, Mr. Stanley said that the nature of events which led up to Munich showed some of them that if a conflict were not absolutely inevitable it was dangerously near.

It was obvious that in any clash to come, he said, we should be fighting side by side with France in the cause of liberty and justice.

Therefore the security of France would be bound up with the security and integrity of this country.

Need For Great Army

Then it became clear that our resources in Man Power and our great industrial strength demanded that we should produce an army on a scale sufficient to ensure our security and be worthy of our position as a great power.

Mr. Stanley then referred to the decision taken last year to equip the Army on a Continental scale.

"The B.E.F.," he added, "is in France and the wisdom of the decision to send it there is not, questioned by anyone."

"Starting in a comparatively small way our Army is rapidly growing. A great army is in the process of formation with which we shall progressively take a bigger and bigger part of the burden of war from the shoulders of our Allies, the French, who in the early days of the war had to bear such a very great part of this burden."

Expansion Continues

Mr. Stanley added that it was well to bear in mind that whereas a general decision to rearm was taken by this country in 1936, the decision to equip the Army on the present scale with masses of modern equipment and ammunition which modern warfare necessitated was only taken a year ago.

The expansion of the British Expeditionary Force in France continued, he said, and the number of British troops in France to-day was about double what they had in October. Every day saw some increase in their strength.

Mr. Stanley said that when he recently visited France the troops had already experienced some six or seven weeks of continuous snow and frost.

He visited a great part of the lines along which we are engaged in putting up defensive works, and he was struck by the amount of work accomplished and the amount of work nearly completed.

Energy And Confidence

Almost directly after his visit conditions improved and he had no doubt but that recent weeks had shown an increased strengthening of our position.

"Whenever I went in all ranks I was immensely struck by the atmosphere of energy and confidence," (Cheers).

"I was immensely struck too with the relations between the French and English in this war as compared to the last."

A.A. Units' Monotony

Turning to the Army at home, Mr. Stanley said that anti-aircraft units comprising thousands of men were moved out even before the declaration of war to war stations where they had been ever since.

They had had to live in a constant condition of readiness and, owing to the nature of their deployment, they had had to live in conditions of extreme isolation and monotony.

Many thousands of them, he said, were on the same spot on which they had stood since September.

All must pay tribute to the way in which the men engaged in anti-aircraft defence have stood this hard test, he said.

Empire's Assistance

Mr. Stanley proceeded to say that the country appreciated the very valuable assistance they had already received and would continue to receive from the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

The Canadian troops had been in this country for nearly three months and were now well advanced in their training.

None, he said, could fail to be impressed by their physique, intelligence and obedient keenness.

The fine traditions of the Indian Army were represented by the Indian troops in France to a greater extent in the Near East where the Australian Imperial Force and the New Zealand Special Force would, he thought be worthy successors of the Anzac Corps of the last war.

He said that the Union Defence Forces had been reorganized with a view to the defence of South Africa and South African interests in Africa.

Southern Rhodesia and the African colonies had produced their own contribution while the Colonial Empire as a whole had provided for their own defence and thereby relieved the

Welles Still Secretive

Hush-Hush Talk With Winston Churchill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—

While the House of Commons was considering further contraband control measures against the United States to-day, Mr. Sumner Welles was conferring with the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill.

Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Welles were most secretive regarding their talks.

It is believed, however, that the First Lord brought up the question of American shipments of rubber and copper to Russia through Mexico and the Philippine Islands.

Earlier Conferences

Earlier, Mr. Welles had conferred with Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Labour Leaders, and with Sir Archibald Samuel, the Liberal leader. He luncheoned with Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Chamberlain had an audience with His Majesty the King this morning, he is believed they referred to Mr. Welles' visit.

Mr. Welles will see Captain Anthony Eden, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, on Wednesday afternoon.

Wreckage Of Lost Air Liner Found

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 13 (UP).—Wreckage

of a Japanese air-liner, which has been missing for five days has been sighted at the foot of Mt. Shichise, nine miles north-east of Taihoku, after an intensive search.

The wreckage was sighted at 10 a.m. by another plane.

Little hope is held out that there are any survivors.

More Nazis Become War Prisoners

LONDON, Mar. 12 (British Wire-

less).—A further list of nine prisoners of war is issued to-night. The prisoners were members of U-boat personnel.

The issue of this list brings the total number of prisoners of war in Britain to some 260, of whom all but a few are members of U-boat personnel.

Another country from the necessity of doing so.

All these were very substantial contributions for which this country was grateful.

200,000 Volunteers Enlist

But, he said, the majority of the personnel of the expanded Army had not yet been provided from these islands and it was to the Military Training Act that they would have to look in the future for the main source of supply of personnel for the Army.

It was to the general satisfaction that the country had decided that side by side with this new system in which other Continental armies had always been raised that we should continue with our old system of voluntary recruiting which had produced some of the finest armies the world had ever seen.

Mr. Stanley added that about 200,000 volunteers had been enlisted since the beginning of the war.

They hoped to provide skilled men who were needed for the Army's expansion without having to call on skilled men so urgently needed in civilian life.

Average Age Is 25

At present, he said, the average age in the infantry was 25 and that of the other regiments was over 20.

The age structure at the moment was satisfactory and the stiffening of the older men was sufficient but it was a situation which required constant watching.

He announced that various improvements had been made in the scheme for dependents allowances in order to meet criticisms.

He said he had decided on a substitute for the term "unmarried wife." The words suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury were "unmarried dependent living as a wife."

The general changes in the dependents allowances scheme would apply equally to the Navy, Marines and Airforce.

He concluded by expressing confidence that the sons of those who were victorious 25 years ago would repeat their fathers' triumphs. "It is for us to avoid our mistakes," he said.

Democratization Criticised

LONDON, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—The democratization of the Army was criticised from two conflicting viewpoints during the debate on the Army Estimates yesterday.

Mr. Lees Smith (Labour) urged that all men in the ranks be given equal chances of reaching commissioned rank.

Although officially this was the case, there was a feeling in the country that the "old school tie" was still the paramount consideration.

Brigadier Spens declared that democratization was having a fatal effect on sergeants who were now in full charge of platoons which were formerly under junior officers.

He thought that there should be an extensive recruitment of Second Lieutenants.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, in reply, expressed the opinion that a sergeant might be more efficient in many circumstances than an officer straight out of his training school. He asserted in reply to Mr. Lees Smith that the new system was working fairly well and that a great many new officers did not come from public schools.

RUSH TO BUY WAR LOAN

Will Absorb Nation's Genuine Savings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 13 (UP).—On

the third floor of the Bank of England, in a huge room crowded with green baize tables, a small army of clerks are busy opening mail and receiving public subscriptions to Britain's £300,000,000 War Loan.

A most interesting feature of the loan is that its amount has been carefully gauged in order to mop up genuine savings of the general public.

Nearly £500,000,000 Savings

These savings are estimated at between £400,000,000 and £500,000,000, of which £100,000,000 is already secured through National Savings Certificates.

This is in contrast to the old 5 per cent. War Loan of 1917, which reached the staggering total of £330,000,000 in actual cash. A large portion of this was advanced by banks to customers, with a result that the loan had a highly inflationary effect upon the banking and currency structure.

The 1940 War Loan bears interest at the rate of 3 per cent.

At the rate of 3 per cent.

Allies Hold Up Aircraft Orders

U.S. Won't Sell Their Best Machines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12

(Reuter).—The apparent delay in placing the new \$1,000,000,000 Allied aircraft order in the United States is reported to be substantially attributable firstly to the strong pressure which the Allies are reported to be bringing to bear on the United States administration to give Allied aircraft orders preference over the United States' own requirements.

In this connection, there are strong indications in official quarters here that the Army and Navy departments would oppose delaying their own expansion programmes.

Want Latest Models

Secondly, the delay is due to efforts of the Allies to obtain the release of certain of the latest models of the United States' warplanes.

Official quarters hint that the latest models would be released for foreign sale only when the United States have still better machines in sight.

Although the authorities have decided to release the new 400-miles an hour Curtiss P40 fighter, at least seven other types, which are at present being manufactured under orders from the United States Air Corps or which are ready for production, have been withheld for export.

Italy And Her Interests

Must Be Focal Point Of New European Peace

ROME, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The

veil of secrecy which has hitherto surrounded the conversations between Signor Mussolini and Herr von Ribbentrop was yesterday partially lifted by an article in the "Giornale d'Italia."

The article says: "The conversations ranged over the entire European field and over the fundamental question of war aims and the establishment of an enduring peace."

Butter Peace Than Last One

"It was stated that the essential object of war must be to conclude a better peace than the previous one."

"Italy re-affirmed that this is not possible if account is not taken of her legitimate interests and rights following the line of a vast European construction, which was made the point of departure of the Axis and the Italo-German alliance."

The "Tribuna" emphasises that Italy's position is unchanged.

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NEW ZEALANDERS MARCH PAST

LONDON, Mar. 12 (British Wireless).—The British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Miles Lampson, took the salute at a parade of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force yesterday morning at the invitation of General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealanders.

A message from the Ambassador describing the ceremony states: "The men looked in fine fettle and are evidently settling down well in their new surroundings. As I told them, their general bearing and appearance were most impressive."

TREE DESPOILERS ROUNDED UP

A further batch of treewood offenders—13 in all—were arrested by the Police from the Shaukiwan, Peak, Wanchai and Bay View districts yesterday, and charged with unlawful possession of treewood when they appeared before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning.

Some were sentenced to prison terms ranging from two weeks to six weeks, and a few were ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

Next Blackout

HONGKONG will experience a series of blackouts next month.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announced this morning that blackout exercises will take place on the night of April 11 and may last into the morning of April 12.

CONSCRIPTION IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Mar. 13 (Reuter).—Germany has now entered upon a new phase of conscription.

All males between the ages of 10 and 18 are now to enter compulsorily the Hitler Youth organisations.

Those between 17 and 18 will be given preliminary military training.

Around The Courses

HENRY COTTON THINKS SAND GREENS

Improve Putting And Chipping—If You Get To Know Them

(By "Birdie")

HERE IS WHAT the maestro—Henry Cotton—thinks of sand greens: "Playing on a course with sand greens improves chipping because there is so much of it to do... and... on courses where the extremes of climate prevent grass greens, they are a good substitute, and the toll-tale path of the ball in the sand shows up the accuracy or otherwise of your putting stroke."

He holds no brief for sand, however, for he also thinks that grass greens, even when frozen, are better any time.

His experience of sand greens, it appears, was gathered in America. He had thought of them as of a hard and fast putting surface, on which no one could maintain control, but in his own words: "These greens are not fast to putt on. They are like the normal grass greens, and the ball tends to pull up rather than race away."

There are, however, two types of sand greens. The first is the dry and the second is composed of oil sand (to prevent the grains from blowing away). The Country Club, at Sheungshui, is the only course in Hongkong that has sand greens, but there they are dry, and on windy days the greatest difficulty is experienced on them when the sand blows around, or piles up into little waves that stop the roll of the ball. Having played there during both dry and wet weather, I had thought the answer to this problem was to keep them ever damp, but in a climate like this it would require constant watering—I had never thought of a long pitch, the shorter run is very true, and, in America, the professionals almost look to holding out from anywhere within thirty yards!

The one great drawback to keeping the greens oiled is that constantly damp is the softness of the sand. After every stroke, even a six-inch putt, the ball would have to be picked up and cleaned, for the coarse grains of sand would cause it to do funny things. During competitions on the American sand course, there is on each green a mat with a mat like an inverted door-mat, which he drags around the green, beginning from the pin and working outwards. It keeps the sand level, and obliterates the marks of previous puttings. In ordinary rounds, each player is provided with a bag of folded brush, which can go into the bag, and which is used to wipe out any marks made. On such greens, this is a great point in etiquette, and it is regrettable that at the Country Club there are yet members who cannot smooth over the little pits made by their approach shots, much less the franks made by their putts. Cotton concludes his article, saying "they are really easy to play once you get to know the greens, but if there has been rain, and the rest of the course is so wet, and holding, it is difficult to get used to pitching almost right up to the green, but not on the actual putting surface."

LATEST standings for the 1940 Harry Vardon Trophy of the Professional Golfers' Association of America are:

Jimmy Demaret, Houston, Tex.	60 pts.
Jimmy Hinder, Oak Park, Ill.	30 "
Horlan Smith, White Plains, N. Y.	28 "
Ben Hogan, White Plains, N. Y.	20 "
Dick Metz, Oak Park, Ill.	20 "
Olin Dutra, Los Angeles	23 "
Jimmy Thomson, Chicago, Mass.	16 "
At Kreuger, Beloit, Wis.	16 "

LEADING money winners for the P.G.A. winter tournament

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd, and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (weather-permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Sheung Kwoi Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,
C. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

Patty Berg Wins Fifth Straight Title

CORAL GABLES, Fla., (AP).—Patty Berg won her fifth straight Miami Biltmore women's golf title here, defeating Betty Jameson, the National champion, on the 38th hole of one of the finest, most thrilling matches ever played between women.

It was nearly pitch dark and the two girls were verging upon exhaustion when Betty, the San Antonio star, missed her tee shot on the short 38th and lost to the player from Minneapolis.

They had been deadlocked at the end of 18 holes, and at the end of 36.

golf (Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco opens):

Jimmy Demaret	\$2,375
Lawson Little	1,940
Clayton Heafner	1,583
Jimmy Hines	880

TWO matches in the second round of the Mixed Four-somes competition were played at the Country Club last Sunday. Eight of the better players of the Club were involved, and the results were:

Mrs. A. J. Kew and F. K. C. Tyau beat Mr. and Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios 2 up.

The first of these two matches was a great struggle. Tyau and partner turned four up, but their opponents fell into trouble over the second nine holes, and with just a little more luck might have taken the match to the 19th or even have won. On the 12th green, Tyau ratted almost on the lip of the cup to lay Mrs. Remedios a stymie. Though only one foot from the cup, and with one stroke in hand, she had to putt around, and the hole was halved.

On the 15th green Tyau and partner were only two up (despite the previous incident), and the Remedios' were again within 10 inches of the cup. But Tyau, from well outside the green, holed out in the style that Cotton says professionals in America almost look forward to doing. The odds were very conceivably in the Remedios' favour to win the hole, and instead of their opponents being down three, yet their lead was reduced to dormie one; but winning the last hole, they won two up.

Rajputana Rifles Win Cross-Country Race

THE ARMY cross-country race held yesterday was won by Rifleman Amar Singh, of the Rajputana Rifles, with Naik Ahmed Khan, H.K.S.R.A., second, and Rifleman Bishan Khan, Kumaon Rifles, third.

The distance was six miles, starting from the Police ground, round Kowloon City behind the rifle ranges, and back. The winner's time was 37 mins. 28 secs. Altogether nine units, comprising 135 men, took part in the race, and all completed the course with the exception of the Signals. The results were—1. Rajputana Rifles; 2. H.K.S.R.A.; 3. Kumaon Rifles; 4. 5th A.A. R.A.; 5. 12th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 6. 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A.; 7. Middlesex; and 8. Royal Scots. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Major-General A. E. Clarke, congratulated the winners, after which Mrs. Granett gave away the prizes.



Craig Wood, United States Ryder Cup player, in putting stance. The ball, apparently, has gone down.

Cricket Tournament

R. Engineers Defeat Gunners

IN THE SEMI-FINAL round of the Large Units knock-out Cricket competition at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Engineers beat the Royal Artillery by four runs. The Engineers, with the exception of Briggs, McLeod and Major Temple, could do little against the bowling of Parsons, who secured five wickets at a cost of four runs apiece.

ROYAL ENGINEERS		ROYAL ARTILLERY	
Capt. D. C. E. Grose, lb.w. Ward	41	Brig. T. McLeod, lb.w. Parsons	33
Capt. W. T. L. Wilkinson, run out	13	Capt. Ingram, lb.w. Ratcliffe	11
Sgt. Shipp, run out	10	Sgt. Ratcliffe, lb.w. Ward	10
Sgt. Ratcliffe, lb.w. Ward	10	Sgt. Shipp, lb.w. Parsons	10
Capt. Shaw, lb.w. Barby	10	Capt. Ingram, lb.w. Parsons	10
Capt. F. L. Freeman, not out	10	Capt. Shipp, lb.w. Parsons	10
Sgt. Bailey, not out	10	Capt. Ingram, lb.w. Parsons	10
Extras	11	Capt. Shipp, lb.w. Parsons	10
(for 5 wickets dec.)	137	Capt. Ingram, lb.w. Parsons	10

Bowling Analysis		Bowling Analysis	
Barby	0 1 45 1 1	Ward	0 1 45 1 1
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Plummer	0 1 45 1 1	Shipp	0 1 45 1 1

Bowling Analysis		Bowling Analysis	
Ratcliffe	0 1 45 1 1	Ward	0 1 45 1 1
McGon	0 1 45 1 1	Shipp	0 1 45 1 1
Denyer	0 1 45 1 1	Parsons	0 1 45 1 1
Shipp	0 1 45 1 1	Shipp	0 1 45 1 1
Shaw	0 1 45 1 1	Shaw	0 1 45 1 1

Grand National Call-Over

London, Mar. 12. The following were to-day's call-over prices for the Grand National: Kilmister, Sterling Duke 100-1. Aftered, 15-1 taken, Smacchis 100-0 o. 20-1 L. Venturesome Knight 18-1 o. 20-1 L. Workman 28-1 o. 33-1 L. 100-7 Professor II o.—Reuter.

Married v. Single Game At Hongkong C.C.

The following items will play in the Married v. Single match at Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, at 3 p.m.: Married—E. J. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, Burt, L. Commander, W. G. Fennie, Capt. D. J. D. Holmes, H. G. Fennie, H. J. D. Lowe, R. S. W. Patterson, D. B. Robb, E. W. Blundell. Single—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. S. Blake, N. D. Hooker, M. P. L. Hughes, J. D. Rigg, Capt. F. R. Lawrence, N. D. Lloyd, G. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce, J. S. Hardie, Scott, Lt. P. J. T. Edgeworth.

Badminton

FIRST ROUND MATCHES OF OPEN DOUBLES

Eardley And Smith Defeat Remedios And Carvalho

FIRST ROUND MATCHES in the Colony badminton doubles championship were played at King's College and Taikoo last night, as a result of which H. Eardley and N. L. Smith, C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin, and H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai entered the second round.

The results in full were: H. Eardley and N. L. Smith beat J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho (at King's College) 15-8, 15-15, 15-8. C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin beat F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (at King's College) 15-5, 15-17, 15-11. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lai (at Taikoo) 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

The opening match at King's College, which everyone expected would be the best of the evening, was very disappointing. Flashes of form were brief and far between. At most times, all four players, Eardley, Smith, Remedios and Carvalho, experienced difficulty with high shots, and committed frequent errors. In the first set, the ultimate winners concentrated on Carvalho, who was badly off form, and jumped into an 11-2 lead, before the Remedios pair, mainly through Remedios, managed to strike anything like form.

They won five points, but it was the end, and the St. John's pair took the set at 10-8.

The second set was more even. Both sides took turns in the lead, and though Eardley and Smith were particularly brilliant mid-court and at the net, they were poor from the baseline, and the Remedios pair eventually won 15-13.

The Remedios rally had ended. The winners romped away into a 11-0 lead in the final set, and though Eardley and Smith were brilliant at the net, they were poor from the baseline, and the Remedios pair eventually won 15-13.

A DING DONG MATCH

A GREATER struggle was seen in the second match. The Kwoks put up a very fine fight against a more brilliant pair of opponents. Kwok was in fine fettle, but Frank Kwok was something of a passenger in the combination. Cheah and Chin took the first set at 15-5.

In the second set, the Kwoks showed something of an understatement, and established a lead at 10-5.

Tournament Hockey

Army Eleven To Meet Club To-Day

The following Army team will meet the Hongkong Hockey Club in the first match of the annual triangular hockey tournament between the Royal Navy, the Army and the Club. This game will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

Sgt. Dobson (R.E.); Pte. Stickley (M'sex) and Datta Ram (Raj.); Sgt. Ure (M'sex), Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Sgt. Croston (R.E.); Shah Wali (Raj.), Sgt. Homberg (R.E.), Lt. Pritam Nath (Raj.), Nerrain Singh (Kumaons) and Parlaub Singh (Kumaons).

and 13-7. The University pair woke up, and in a series of dazzling shots drew up to 12-13 before service changed hands again. The Kwoks won one more point, but on next service the Varsity pair levelled the score at 14-14. They settled three points.

Cheah and Chin led 1-0, and then the Kwoks drew level 1-1. The service changed hands several times without further score, and then the Kwoks gained the two points for the set at 17-15.

The third set was a repetition of the second. The scores were more or less even until the Kwoks were ahead at 11-10, but at this stage the Varsity pair jumped into "killing" form and scored five points in a row for the set and match.

Riggs Gives Voice To His Life's Ambition

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (UP—By Air Express).—If ambition means anything, Bobby Riggs deserves some sort of medal. All he wants to do is win the national singles tennis championship three times, then start working for a living.

Since 1914, Big Bill Tilden and Fred Perry were the only ones to win the title as many as three times. Ellsworth Vines and Don Budge were right fair tennis players, but they won it but twice. Of course they succumbed to the call of gold and turned professional—something young Riggs never, never intends to do.

Bobby, 21, and on his honeymoon, took time out from his practice on the Roney-Plaza courts to explain:

"I'm interested in only one thing. I want to win the American title three times. I got my first leg on that trophy last summer, and now I'm going to do my darndest to win another this year, and the third one in 1941. Then, maybe, I can win it a couple of more times, retire, and devote all my time to the advertising business."

"A TOUGH TIME"

SINCE Riggs married Catherine Ann Flecher of Chicago in early December, he has played in three southern tournaments, and been beaten in all of them. His cocksureness of the past is gone.

Bobby even admitted he might have a "tough time" in winning the national three-year in a row. A year ago, he wouldn't have minded predicting a five-year conquest in singles, doubles and mixed play, with no qualifications.

Riggs had a ready answer, however, for his recent defeats by Don McNeill, Bryan Grant and Henry Prusoff.

"I can't get hepped up over this small fry," he said. "I like to turn on the heat when the chips are on the line—when there's a big title at stake. I'm still a kid—be 22 next month—and still have plenty to learn. I don't think it's unreasonable to suppose I'll keep on improving and maybe win those three nationals in a row."

THE DAVIS CUP

BOBBY believes America could win back the Davis Cup this year—if it was going to be in competition. "Last year at Philadelphia," he said, "we were the underdogs. Frankie Parker and I vowed to get the U.S. off to a flying start. We upset the dope by both winning our opening singles matches."

"Maybe that made us a little cocky, but we blew the series. We only needed to win one of the three remaining matches. Those opening defeats inspired the Australians, and then as if that wasn't enough, war was declared. The thought that maybe the Aussies were playing their 'last Davis Cup matches made them unbeatable. Against that kind of inspiration, there is nothing you can do but take it on the chin."

CHANGED VIEWS

LAST season Riggs would have discounted some of the younger stars with a snap of his fingers, but now he is figuring seriously on getting some stiff competition at Forest Hills this year from Don McNeill, Velby van Horn, Wayne Sabat and others.

"They may be improved, but I'll be better too," he said. "I'm on top now, and I'm going to stay up there."

Rugby Football

Further Seven-a-side Games This Afternoon On the Club Ground

(By "Fly-half")

IMPORTANT SEVEN'S ties are to be played off this afternoon on the Club ground, beginning at 4.30 p.m., and attendance at the match will mean support for the B.W.O.F.

ONLY ONE MATCH IN OPEN SINGLES

There was only one match in the Colony tennis championships played yesterday, J. L. C. Pearce beating Peter U in three sets, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3, in a poor game. Both players were guilty of over-hitting, and were both erratic and inaccurate.

The complete score were:

OPEN SINGLES

J.L.C. Pearce beat Peter U, 9-11, 6-1, 6-3.

OPEN DOUBLES

T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould received walk-over from Wong Hong-nang and Lee Chi-man.

HANDICAP SINGLES

G. W. Sewell (-4/6) beat A. T. Dov (-3/6) 6-1, 7-5.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. Armstrong (-15) beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (-15/2) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Free Drinks At Lincoln Race Meeting

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Lincoln Town Council want ideas for improving their race meeting, where the Lincolnshire Handicap will be run on April 3. There is one reservation. They must not cost a lot of money.

An extensive rebuilding scheme which had been planned had to be shelved on account of the war.

Free hot drinks to patrons, and the provision of bracers in the public stands if the weather is bad are

Police, conquerors of the combined small units, should have little difficulty in advancing another step. Their display on Monday, however, was far from convincing, and the 8th Heavy Regt. "B" might surprise them.

H.M.S. ARAWA play the Royal Scots "A" at 4.50 p.m., and will have to minimise their tendency to over-lick if they are to score. They are actually the dark horses of the tournament, and might be able to penetrate the Scots' defence. However, I think the Scots, who are runners up in the Army Sevens Tourney, will just gain the verdict.

THE BEST GAME

THE BEST GAME of the afternoon should be seen when Tamar and Small Ships "A" meet the Army Champions, the Royal Engineers. This match is at 5.10 p.m., and has all the possibilities of being the match of the tournament. Wale, captain of the Army side, has been tackling and attacking very well of late, and there is a possibility of his holding Clark so well as to give Paul little of the ball. In attack, Wale should be able to penetrate past Clark. Paul and Sevens for Tamar, are a dangerous pair. A great deal will depend on the scrum-halves.

AT 5.30 P.M., 6th A.A. "B", replacing the Doctors team, will be up against a strong combination in the 8th Heavy Regt. The 8th should win by a big score.

AT 5.50 P.M., the Powerful Club "A" seven meet the 5th A.A. "A", conquerors of the Royal Scots "B". Club should win this encounter with ease.

among the suggestions now being considered.

The Council want to make Lincoln famous for its food, and special attention is being directed to the catering. The stands are to be decorated and the public room refurbished. Car parking arrangements have been revised to facilitate a quick get away.

If the war continues, there may be more than one meeting at Lincoln this year.

ARMSTRONG WANTS "NO MORE" OF GARCIA

JES CORTES, Manila boxing promoter who offered Cefereino Garcia and Henry Armstrong \$80,000 to stage a return bout in Manila under his promotion, recently an answer from his representative in the States that Armstrong wants "no more" of Garcia.

The two fought to a draw recently and Cortes sought to get a return match for Manila.

The cable received by Cortes indicates that Armstrong believes Garcia is too big and powerful for him, and has no plans of attempting to lift the Filipino bantam puncher's world middleweight crown.

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Hongkong To Become Contraband Station?

Vladivostok Blockade Envisaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).

In the House of Commons to-day the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, announced the establishment of a contraband control base in the Far East is under consideration for the purpose of blocking American exports to Russia via Vladivostok which could reach Germany.

U.S. EXPORTS

A Back Bench member asked the Minister of Economic Warfare whether he was aware of the fact that imports into Soviet Russia through Vladivostok had increased materially since the outbreak of war in Europe.

"The whole subject of Contraband Control is under consideration. This refers specifically to the Far East," Mr. Cross replied.

Mr. Mundar (Lab.)—Is it not a fact that U.S. exports to Russia have increased and will the Government take some very definite action to prevent the enemy receiving support in this way?

Mr. Cross: I would be glad to receive any suggestions the Hon. Member may care to put forward.

Mr. Cross revealed that over 1,000,000 tons of contraband had been seized by the Allied Contraband Control since its inception.

"One thousand and eight hundred tons of German exports have been placed in the Prize Court. This quantity, of course, is no measure of the success of the blockade."

Reported Seizures

TOKYO, Mar. 13 (Reuters).—The reported seizure of contraband goods on the Sea of Japan has engaged the attention of the House of Representatives.

Asked whether Japanese ferry boats plying between Fusan, Korea and Shimonoseki had been stopped by British warships, Mr. Hachiro Arima, the Foreign Minister, replied that he had received no information of such an occurrence.

Answering another question about the detention in Hongkong of the remaining 12 Germans removed party the Asama Maru by a boarding party from a British man-of-war near Tokyo Bay on January 21, the Foreign Minister said that the Government was still negotiating with the British Government for their return.

The present was not an opportune time to give out any report on the progress of negotiations, he added.

Seizure Of Mails

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Dome).—The Japanese Embassy to-day handed a note to the French Foreign Office filing in representation with the French Government regarding the seizure of mails aboard the O.S.K. liner Bangkok Maru by French naval authorities at Haiphong.

Japanese Threat

TOKYO, Mar. 12 (UP).—Replying to an interpellation in the lower House to-day the Japanese Foreign Minister said that Japan would take "adequate measures in accordance with International Law" should the British attempt to interfere with traffic across the Sea of Japan.

An Independent member had asked if the Japanese Government had considered steps to meet the reported British scheme to halt the transportation of contraband Germany through Soviet ports facing the Sea of Japan.

The Foreign Minister said that the Japanese Government was continuing negotiations with Britain for the surrender of the remaining twelve Germans removed from the Asama Maru who are interned in Hongkong.

TAIKOO DOCKS THEFTS

Wu Wai, 38, boilermaker, and Chui Yiu, 34, painter, both employees of the Taikoo Dockyard, pleaded guilty to larceny charges when they appeared before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning, and were each sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Sgt. Evans said Wu was searched when leaving the Dockyard, and found to have hidden on him two pieces of brass porthole nuts. Chui had two tins of white zinc paint strapped to his legs.

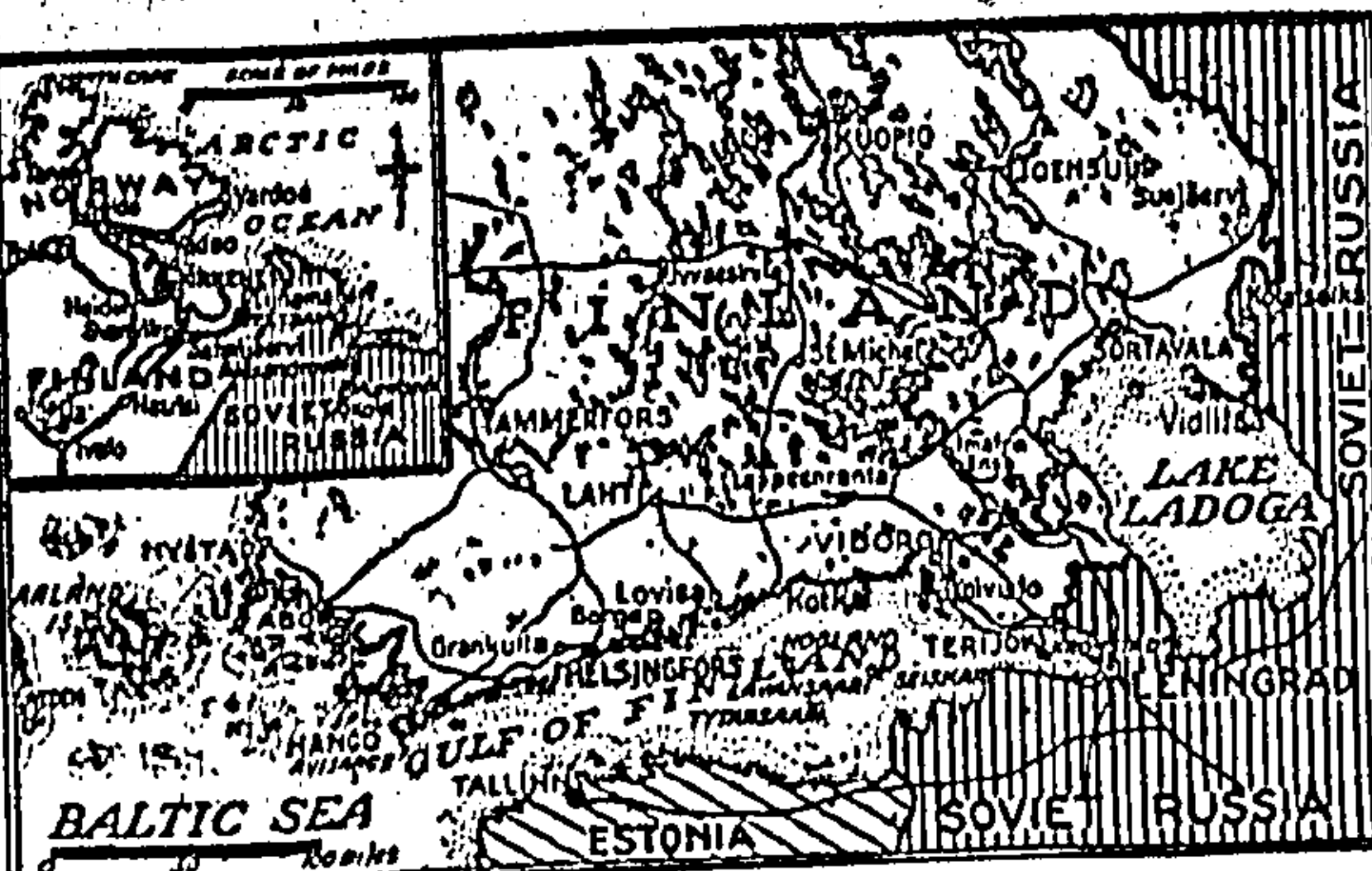
Stock Exchange's Steady Session

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange was quietly steady throughout the session.

Main interest centred on the new war loan. Although there is no definite indication yet of the result, it is stated in the best informed quarters that the loan's success is certain.

Thousands of applications from small investors have already been received.

Wall Street was steady.



THIS MAP INDICATES THE AREAS TO BE CEDED. Hangoo is at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland and the Karelian Isthmus area which Russia gains is shown by the dotted lines.

Full Text of Finnish Peace Terms 'UP' Scoop

Exclusive publication of the full text of the Russo-Finnish Agreement in the second Edition of the "Telegraph" to-day was due to a remarkable feat of rapid communication on the part of the United Press Association.

The text of the agreement was released in the form of an official communique in Moscow at 10 a.m. H.K.T. to-day.

From Moscow it was flashed to the London Office of the United Press Bureau, and was immediately relayed across the Atlantic to New York.

The United Press Association maintains a continuous and exclusive radio and landing circuit between New York and San Francisco and San Francisco and Manila, and the messages were automatically relayed to Manila.

From Manila they were despatched by radio to the Hongkong Post Office Radio.

The entire elapsed time between Moscow and Hongkong was 90 minutes. This included delays through censorship restrictions in London and Hongkong, and the time taken to deliver the message to the "Telegraph". The complete message was received by the "Telegraph" at 11.30 a.m.

Promotions In R.A.F.

Daring Pilots Are Rewarded

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuters).—A list of over 200 Air Force temporary promotions is published.

Thirty-four Wing-Commanders become Group Captains, 133 Squadron Leaders are promoted Wing-Commanders and 52 Flight Lieutenants become Squadron Leaders.

The new Wing Commanders include Andrew Douglas Farquhar, who was recently awarded the D.F.C. for three successful attacks on enemy aircraft.

Heroes Of Last War

Most of the new Group Captains distinguished themselves in the last war. They include O.R. Gayford, who was in charge of the long-distance record flight in November, 1939.

Richard Kellett, who led the record-breaking flight and was awarded the D.F.C. recently for leading British planes in the Heligoland Eight air fight, is promoted Wing-Commander, as is also C. H. Stainforth, former holder of the world's air speed record.

B. Lloyd, who in 1938 was in command of the five Air Force flying boats which covered 30,000 miles—the longest formation flight ever undertaken—is among the new Group Captains.

Important Chief Of Staff Talks

ANKARA, Mar. 12 (Reuters).—The province of the two Allied Air Chiefs of the Middle East at Ankara lends added importance to the recent meeting of the Turkish Supreme War Council.

At that meeting, the Council made an exhaustive study of the country's defences and was satisfied with the measures already taken and planned.

Two Air Chiefs arrived last Saturday for conferences with the head of the Turkish Air Force.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Enquiries continue to expand and, with sellers inclined to hold aloof, prices are hardening.

H.K. Bank \$1,400
Union Ins. \$227 1/2
Fire Ins. \$207 1/2
Wharves \$103 1/2
Docks \$22 1/2
Lands \$30 1/2
Tramways \$16
Star Ferries \$27
China Lights (Old) \$2.20
Electricity \$27
Telephone (Old) \$22
Hopes \$2.20
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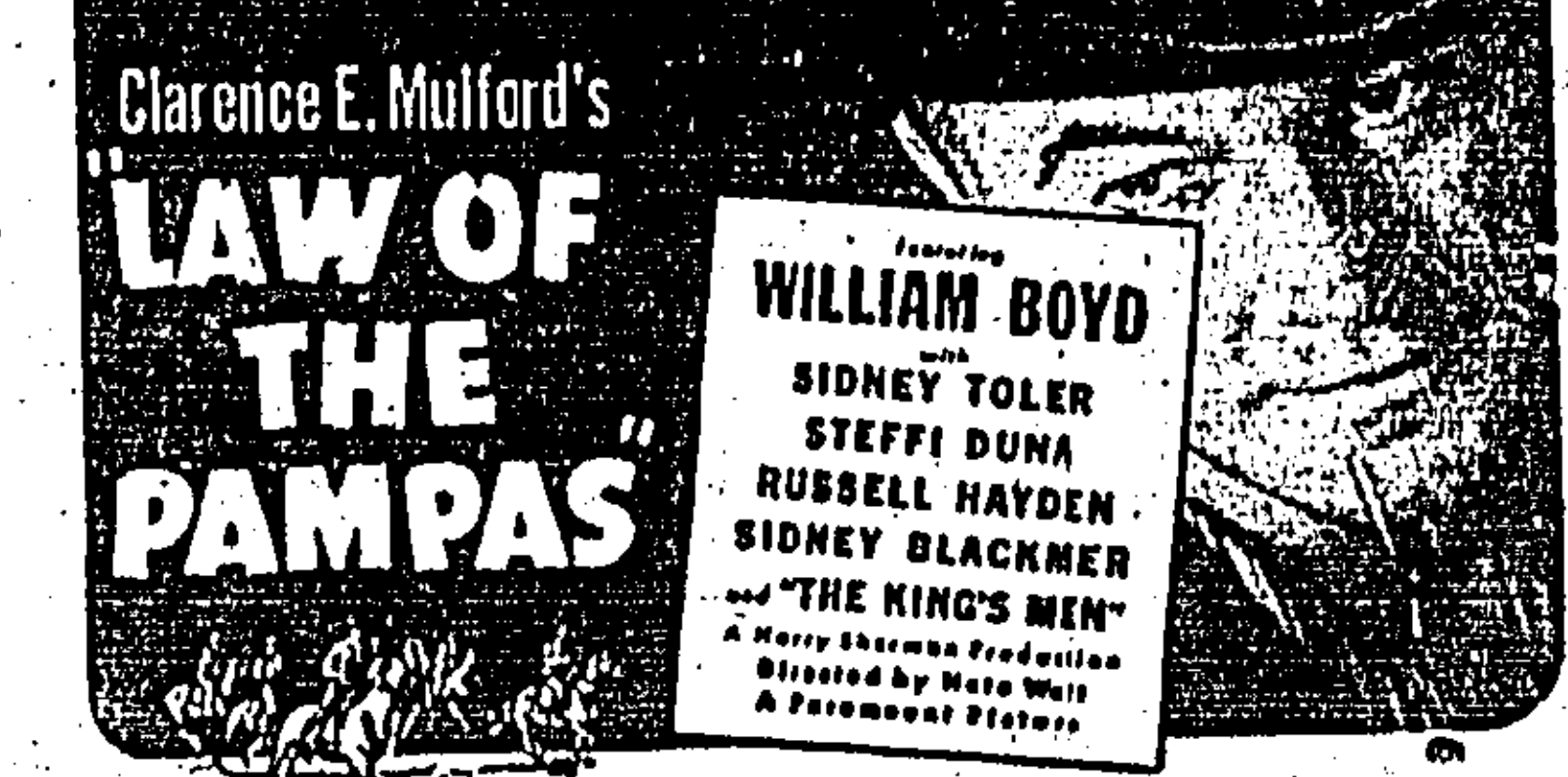
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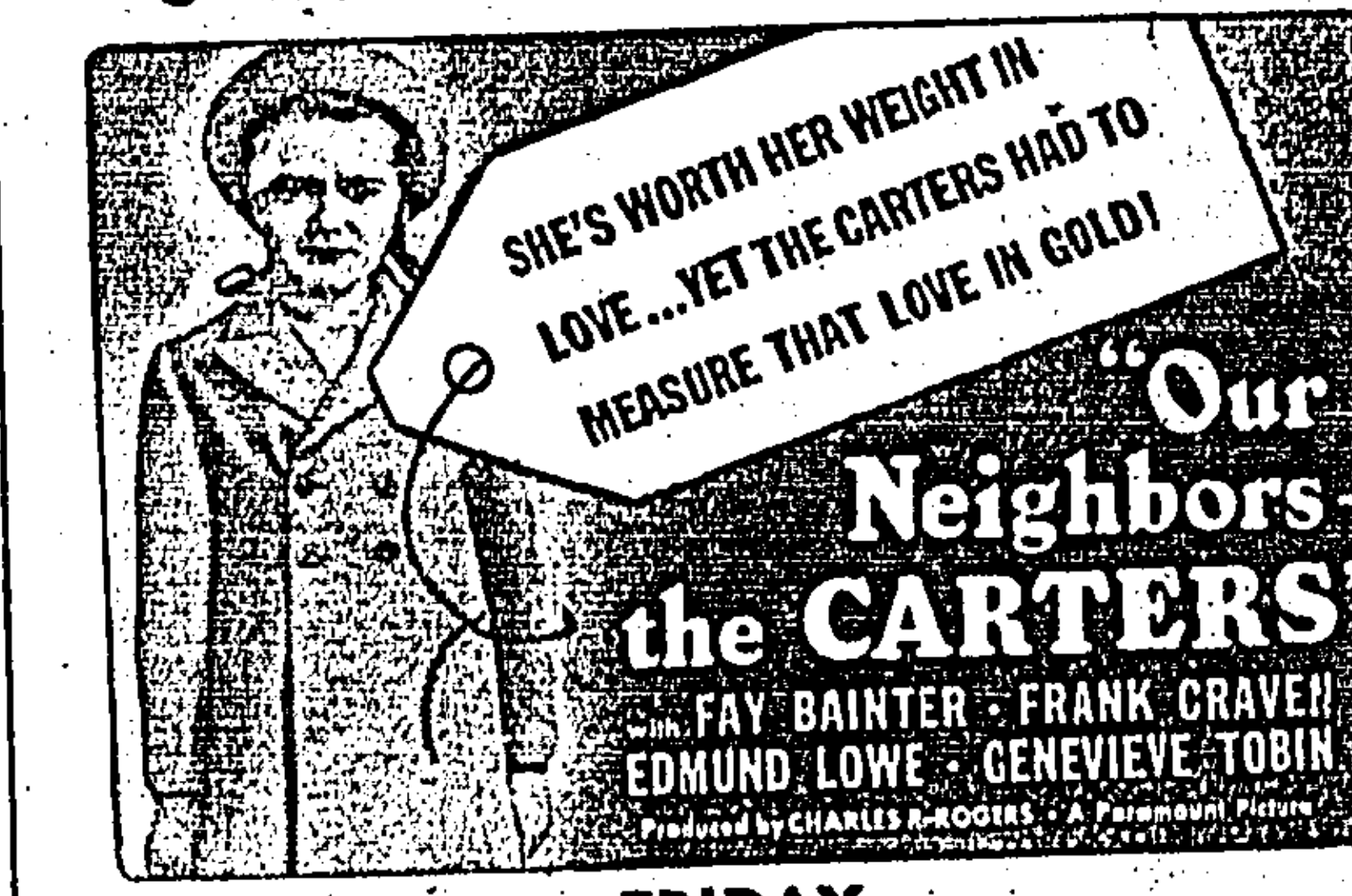
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